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1,800 birds fatally injured after flying into GTA buildings

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When bird meets building, Michael Mesure flies into action.

The executive director of FLAP – Fatal Light Awareness Program – and his volunteers laid down some 1,800 frozen migratory birds that died last year after colliding with buildings in the GTA, on the floor of the Royal Ontario Museum Friday to spread the word to turn off the lights.

“We lay out out the bodies of these birds to clearly demonstrate the magnitude of the problem and we’re here to educate people on the solutions,” Mesure said, pointing out the 95 bird species among the 1,800 – eight of which are at-risk.

Bright lights at night attract the nocturnal, migrating birds to these structures and the brighter and taller the structure, the greater likelihood strikes are to occur, Mesure said.

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