

Bird Alliance of Central Indiana Volunteers - BSI Team

The BACI **Bird Safe Indy (BSI) Team** is on the front lines studying and saving vulnerable birds, specifically migratory species, downtown Indianapolis and on campus. These volunteers are analytical, persuasive, and aren't afraid of a corporate executive or a window collision victim.

As a BSI Team member, you're speaking up for bird-safe practices with the people in charge of our city and its buildings, and collecting the data the drives results.

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Bird Collision Surveyors

Description: Rescue stunned window strike victims in downtown Indianapolis during spring and fall migration. Volunteers in this role do the important work of completing routes in the city by bike, foot, and/or car to detect any birds that have hit windows. Information is recorded for each strike, and any surviving birds that are able to be safely recovered are then transported to a local rehabber/avian clinic. There are few better feelings than knowing you've helped one of our little feathered friends during their incredible migratory journeys.

Skillsets

Expert Bird ID (sight)

Data Skills

Comfort Handling Deceased Birds

Physical Strength

Work Type

Field Work

Data Collection

Scientific

Work Locations

Urban

University Campus

Access Considerations: This role is done by walking or biking around a route of 1-3 miles in 1-3 hours. Requires sight for ID and the ability to kneel and bend to collect birds. Routes are in loud, visually-stimulating, and heavily trafficked locations; communication skills are required for security and other passerby onsite. Volunteer must have personal transportation to take any injured birds to Rescue facility.

Event Frequency: Fall season is 8/15-10/15. Spring season is 3/5-5/30.

Frequency of Assignment: Flexible but requesting once a month per season.

Orientation/Guide? Orientation and instruction and training provided by other BSI volunteers

Relevant City/County: Downtown Indianapolis - Marion County

**Bird Collision Surveyor role has opportunities for group or corporate volunteering.*

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Building Account Managers

Description: Make a difference with Bird Safe Indy by volunteering to be an "account manager" responsible for contact with one of the "Top 10" Downtown Indy offending bird-strike buildings or "Top 5" BACI-area new building projects.

Skillsets

Relationship Building

Business Skills

Communication

Strong Involvement with BACI

Work Type

Communication Focus

Phone Calls/Emails

Work Locations

Remote

Urban

Local Businesses

Access Considerations: This role is very communication-forward, requiring interaction with building managers. Most of the role can be done remotely and flexibly, but may occasionally meet managers onsite with building managers.

Event Frequency: 6-month commitment or longer

Frequency of Assignment: 2 hours per month per building account

Orientation/Guide? Volunteer will be trained directly by BSI Chair

Relevant City/County: Downtown Indianapolis - Marion County

Bird-Friendly Legislation Supporters

Description: Marion County residents - Bird Safe Indy needs YOU to contact your City-County Councilperson and proclaim your interest in bird-safe window collision legislation, currently under consideration by the Environmental Sustainability Committee!

Skillsets

People Skills

Communication

Work Type

Advocacy/Activism

Phone Calls/Emails

Work Locations

Remote

Access Considerations: Requires the ability to effectively communicate ideas done by speaking, writing, or with the aid of a translator. Volunteers must be registered to vote.

Event Frequency: Ongoing until bird-window collision building legislation is passed

Frequency of Assignment: Once a month

Orientation/Guide? See article below for information about the project.

Relevant City/County: Marion County

Article: [Bird Safe Indy Releases Petition for a County Window Ordinance](#)

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Bird Safe Indy Educator

Description: Make a difference in your community- Disseminate our Indianapolis Mayoral Proclamation and Lights Out education, helping Audubon's national Lights Out program, by encouraging neighborhoods, buildings, and businesses to turn off lights during migration.

Skillsets

People Skills

Communication

Work Type

Communication Focus

Phone Calls/Emails

Advocacy/Activism

Work Locations

Remote

Urban

Neighborhood

University Campus

Local Businesses

Access Considerations: Requires the ability to effectively communicate ideas, but can be done by speaking, writing, or with the aid of a translator. Materials may be disseminated at locations that volunteers already frequent.

Event Frequency: Fall season is 8/15-10/15. Spring season is 3/5-5/30.

Frequency of Assignment: Variable, but requesting 10 hour minimum commitment

Orientation/Guide? None

Relevant City/County: Marion County