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Overview

Solar farms can impact bird populations through several mechanisms, leading to fatalities or displacement. The “lake effect” occurs when reflective photovoltaic (PV) panels are mistaken for water by migrating waterfowl and shorebirds. A rare and unusual type of solar power plant that concentrates sunlight in California is accidentally killing up to 6,000 birds every year, with staff reporting that the birds keep flying into its concentrated beams of sunlight, and spontaneously bursting into flames. An artificial-intelligence-powered birder is on the case. PHOTOGRAPH: EDWIN REMSBERG/GETTY IMAGES AMERICA'S SOLAR FARMS have a bird problem. While documented, the scale and specific circumstances are important for understanding. Researchers continue to study. A new study has revealed a surprising source of bird mortality: the increasing use of wind and solar energy facilities. Birds heading towards a wind farm turbine. In this article, we'll clarify the real risks, explain how modern photovoltaic (PV).

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Some solar developers have been powering down bright lights that had attracted insects at night, or switching to LEDs, and using nets to keep birds at bay. But that apparently is not enough.

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It is true that both wind turbines and solar facilities do currently kill birds. This is a tragedy and by no means should wind, solar power or other forms of green energy be embraced blindly.

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Little work has been done specifically on bird mortality at solar farms, although it is known that millions of bats and large birds of every kind are killed every year by giant wind turbines and their ...



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