

Bird Disease Alert

Based on recommendations from the Ohio Division of Wildlife, Geauga Park District has taken down its feeders to prevent further spread of an unknown illness among birds.

WHAT:

In May, wildlife officers in the region of Chesapeake, Ohio began reporting songbirds afflicted with an unknown illness.

The affected birds typically display eye swelling and crusty discharge from their eyes. Some show signs of abnormal movement.

The disease has been fatal in some, but not all, affected birds.

WHO:

The most commonly affected birds are starlings, grackles, robins and blue jays, but other songbirds have also been affected.

WHERE:

There have been no reports in Northeast Ohio so far, but affected birds have been found in central and southwestern Ohio counties.



WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- Take down your feeders.
- Report any songbirds you see exhibiting symptoms.

You can use this QR code for more information and to report diseased wildlife to the Ohio Division of Wildlife, or visit its website under *Top Resources* to locate the same link. Photos are very helpful.



Thank you for your help!

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