# It Pays to Protect the Birds: Estimated Costs of Collision-Proofing Skywalks on USU Campus

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## Potential Solutions To Bird Collisions

- **Feather Friendly**
  - Lasts up to 8 years
  - Looks like a grid of white dots
  - Allows for nearly clear viewing
  - Costs $1.01 per square foot

- **CollidEscape**
  - Lasts up to 10 years
  - Options include standard white, tinted, clear, patterned, and imaged
  - Allows for nearly clear viewing from inside
  - Costs $3.50 - $5.50 per square foot

- **ABC Bird Tape**
  - Lasts up to 4 years
  - Options include horizontal, vertical, or diagonal stripes, or squares
  - Somewhat obstructive to viewing
  - Costs $1.06 - $2.24 per square foot

## Biology and Natural Resources Skywalk

- Two strikes reported by census since January 2017

  - **CollidEscape Standard White**
    - One-time installation cost: $2,744
    - 30-year projected cost: $8,232
  
  - **CollidEscape Clear**
    - One-time installation cost: $3,528
    - 30-year projected cost: $10,584
  
  - **CollidEscape Tinted/Patterned**
    - One-time installation cost: $4,312
    - 30-year projected cost: $12,936

  - **Vertical Stripes**
    - One-time installation cost: $838
    - 30-year projected cost: $5,865

  - **Horizontal Stripes**
    - One-time installation cost: $1,756
    - 30-year projected cost: $12,292

## Engineering Skywalk

- 23 strikes reported by census since January 2017

  - **CollidEscape Standard White**
    - One-time installation cost: $2,224
    - 30-year projected cost: $6,673
  
  - **CollidEscape Clear**
    - One-time installation cost: $2,860
    - 30-year projected cost: $8,579
  
  - **CollidEscape Tinted/Patterned**
    - One-time installation cost: $3,495
    - 30-year projected cost: $10,486

## Post-strike bird carcasses found near the ENLAB- SER skywalk in January.

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