

## Pest Birds & Corrosive Droppings

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Pest birds cost individuals and businesses millions of dollars each year in clean-up expenses, repairs, and damaged equipment. Some large industrial facilities spend as much as six figures to combat pest bird problems. Facility managers must understand the importance of implementing a preventative bird control program as means of reducing these costs. Here are some of the serious issues associated with pest birds:

### Corrosive Droppings

The corrosive effects of bird droppings can cause irreversible damage – defacing rooftops, walkways, walls, vehicles and equipment. Bird droppings quickly turn to salt and ammonia; after rain, electrochemical reactions speed up the rusting process. These acidic droppings eat away at paint, concrete and metal, and can eventually cause structural failure.

### Property Damage

Birds are destructive to property, equipment, and products. They interfere with operations in many ways, endangering themselves and workers – pest birds entangle themselves in machinery, block ventilation ducts, cause fires, peck holes in roofing and utility poles, bring down power lines, and cause hazardous and even fatal aircraft bird strikes.

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