



To date, the most severe form of avian influenza has not been found in North American wild or domestic birds.

While it is unlikely that bird enthusiasts could get avian influenza from wild birds in the United States, routine precautions are recommended to reduce the risk of contracting any wildlife disease.

To learn more, visit [www.usda.gov/birdflu](http://www.usda.gov/birdflu).

**Please report sick or dead birds to local wildlife agencies or call 1-866-4USDA-WS.**



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## Routine Precautions

- Observe wildlife from a distance.
- Do not handle dead or obviously sick birds.
- Avoid contact with bird droppings and nests.
- Wash hands with soap and water, hand sanitizer, or alcohol wipes immediately after handling bird feeders or bird baths.
- If you have contact with wild birds, wash your hands with soap and water before you eat, drink, smoke, or rub your eyes.
- To dispose of a dead bird, pick it up with an inverted bag or disposable gloves. Place it in another plastic bag, and dispose of it in a trash can that is secure against access by children, pets, or animals.

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