

# BIOSECURITY FOR THE BIRDS

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**1**  
**LOOK**  
for signs.



**2**  
**REPORT**  
sick birds.



**3**  
**PRACTICE**  
"backyard" biosecurity.

## ***You are the best protection your birds have.***

If you're a bird owner, keeping your birds healthy is a top priority. Your birds can become sick or die from exposure to just a few unseen bacteria, viruses, or parasites. In a single day, these germs can multiply and infect all your birds.

### **Look for Signs**

Watch for signs of disease or unexpected deaths among your birds.

### **Report Sick Birds**

Don't wait—early detection can make a difference. If your birds are sick or dying, call the USDA

Veterinary Services office at **1-866-536-7593**, or your State Veterinarian or local cooperative extension office to find out why.

### **Practice Backyard Biosecurity**

By practicing backyard biosecurity, you can keep your birds safe from germs. Restrict

traffic onto and off your property. Disinfect shoes, clothes, and hands to prevent the potential spread of disease. Keep cages and equipment clean and disinfected. Keep new birds separate from the rest of your flock.