



# Going Green!



## Birds and Windows Activity

Help wild birds around your school or home with this easy activity! Simply create bird-shaped cutouts to display in windows that will discourage birds from flying into them and causing injury.

### **Why do birds fly into windows?**

When birds are looking at the window, they're seeing the reflection of sky or trees instead of a pane of glass. They think they're following a clear flight path. That mistake can be deadly; at least half of the birds who hit windows die from their injuries or because another animal preyed upon them while the bird was stunned.

### **Materials:**

- Black sticky vinyl/contact paper
- Bird stencils
- Markers
- Glue
- Glitter/stickers/etc optional

### **Instructions:**

- Cut bird shape (optional shapes see on following pages) from black contact paper. Adhere to inside of window. Students may choose to decorate the inside-facing side of decal with glue/markers/glitter etc.

### **Some things to remember about your decals:**

Adding just a few decals to a large window or glass door is not as effective as multiple decals with less than 4 inches between them. You can also add twigs/wires for the birds to be sitting on (see picture) and cover more of the window space.

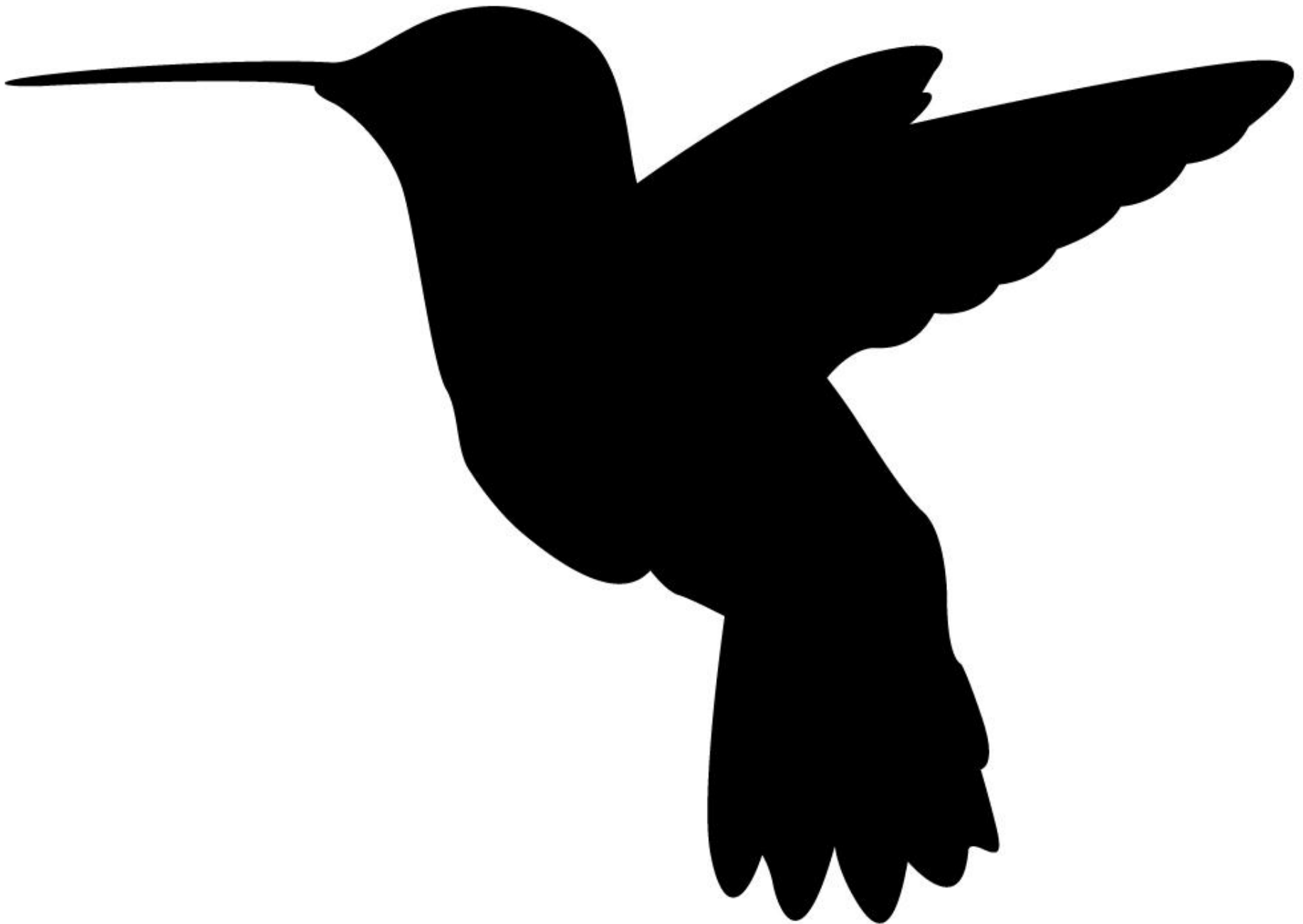


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**Swallow**



**Hummingbird**



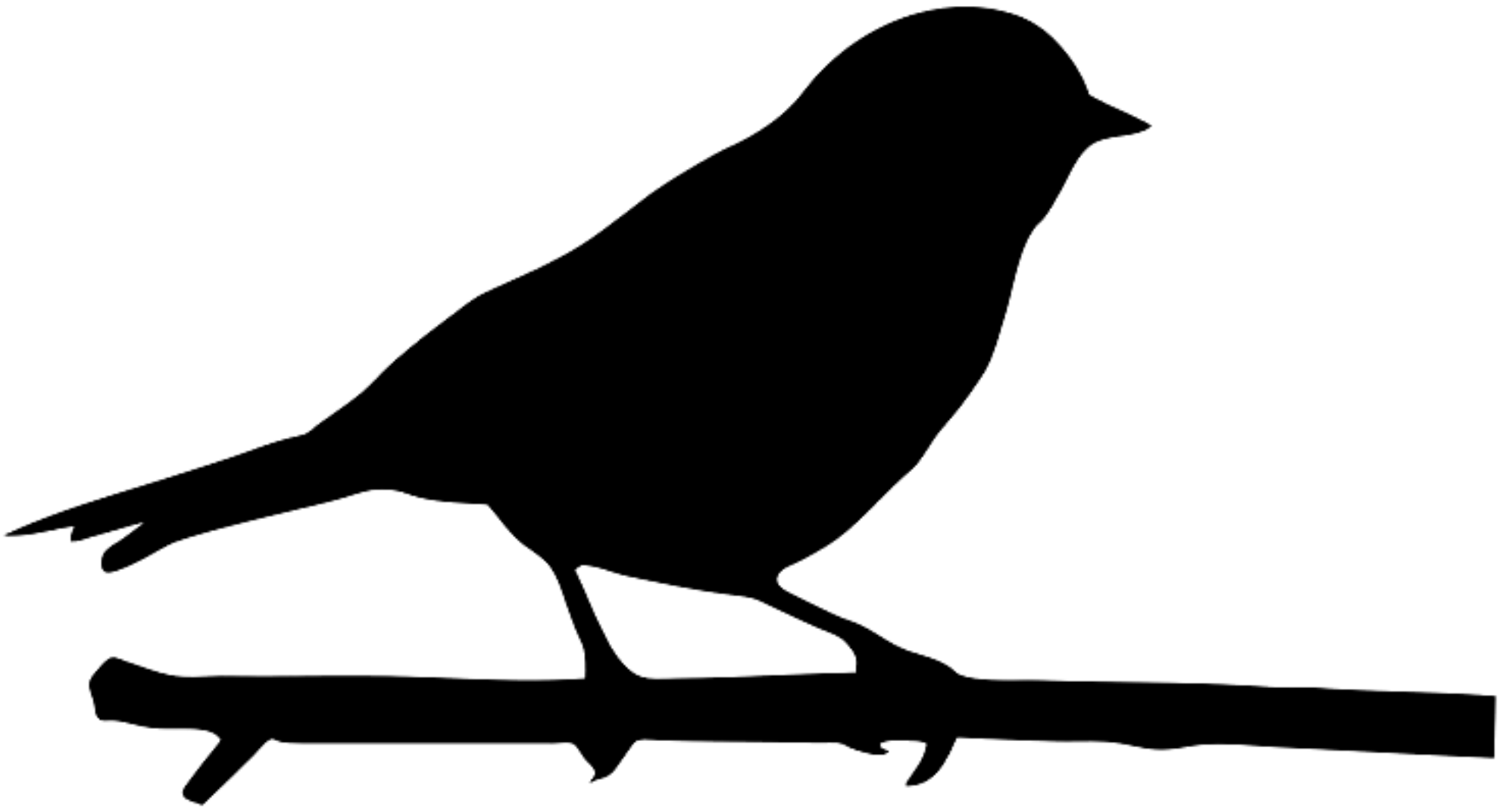
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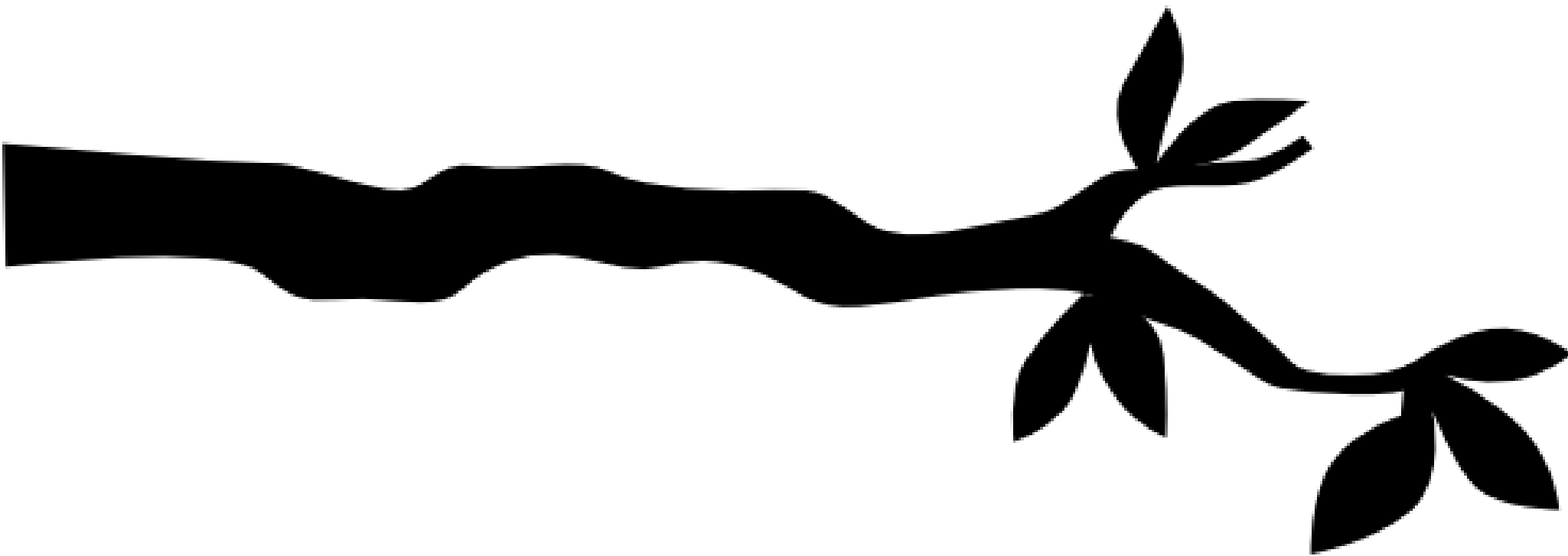
**Raven**



**Sparrow**



**Branch**



**Hawk**

