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Abstract: Lately, a number of articles have been published in various periodicals bringing attention to a problem that is occurring on wind farms. It seems that dead birds have been found at a few locations. Some writers have even gone so far as to dub the wind generators “raptor-matics” and cuisinarts of the sky!”

Many Home Power readers considering a wind generator have asked about the seriousness of this problem. They are concerned that if they install a wind generator they will be responsible for batting birds all over the neighborhood. It's time to address this potentially serious issue. All of the studies done to date on bird mortalities associated with wind power have been done on wind farm-sized equipment. We'll take a look at this problem, what conclusions have been drawn, and speculate on why. From there, we'll apply this information to home sized systems.