

QuadBlaster QB-4 gets rid of pesky pigeons

Westminster, Colo. tried many remedies for their city hall's bird problems, but it wasn't until they used Bird-X's QuadBlaster QB-4 that they actually saw results.

When administrators for the Denver suburb moved into the new city hall over ten years ago, pesky birds moved in right along with them. And they tried everything to shut the birds down including hanging banners, holographic balloons and flash tape to no avail.

Of all the city buildings, the city's fitness center suffered the most abuse. Woodpeckers banged away on the stucco exterior, making a racket with the hammering and hollowing out the insulation. The birds drilled at least 20 major holes in the stucco. To make matters worse, blackbirds also frequented the building.

The combined nuisance hurt the employees' ear drums and the city's budget. Repairs and a new cover coat to the stucco cost \$50,000.

Immediately after re-doing the stucco, the city installed the ultrasonic unit QuadBlaster AB-4 by Bird-X, Inc. on the roof of the city's fitness center. The unit runs on an ordinary 110-v. current and repels birds and other pests by emitting ultrasonic sound waves that annoy birds, yet are out of the range of normal human hearing. The unit's UHF sound waves are harmless but effective on most birds in a 6,000-sq.-ft. area.

When they installed the unit, the birds disappeared.

The pilot project was so successful, city officials decided to buy a second QB-4 unit for the city's bell tower, home to splendid Carillon bells. The 120-ft. tower, with an open top covered only by a metal grate, proved an irresistible roosting ground for pigeons and starlings.

The roosting not only created a mess, but a health risk to citizens as well. Members of the community and visitors often hike up the stairs to the top of the tower.

After mounting the QB-4 unit outside the top of the bell tower, the birds disappeared from the site.