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Birds are a serious threat to aircraft, particularly near airports. Methods of bird control involve reducing overall bird populations artificially (killing birds), reducing the number of birds in an area by manipulating the habitats, and dispersing birds from runways by a variety of scaring devices. Habitat manipulation involves making the habitat less attractive to birds by removing roosting areas, and limiting drinking and bathing areas. As gulls pose the most serious bird-hazards practically throughout the world, the removal of near-by garbage dumps is the single most effective means of bird control. Similarly, where small flocking-birds are a problem, the removal of trees which they use for roosting can reduce bird-strikes. But however successful habitat manipulation is, some birds will remain around the airport, and must be constantly dispersed from the runways. No one technique is 100% effective, so many techniques must be used. The specific techniques employed should depend upon the species of birds which pose the most serious hazard.