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**Interview with Timothy Beatley, author of *The Bird-Friendly City: Creating Safe Urban Habitats***

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In *The Bird-Friendly City: Creating Safe Urban Habitats* (Island Press, 2020), Timothy Beatley, a longtime advocate for intertwining the built and natural environments, takes readers on a global tour of cities that are reinventing the status quo with birds in mind. Efforts span a fascinating breadth of approaches: public education, urban planning and design, habitat restoration, architecture, art, civil disobedience, and more. Beatley shares empowering examples, including: advocates for "catios," enclosed outdoor spaces that allow cats to enjoy backyards without being able to catch birds; a public relations campaign for vultures; and innovations in building design that balance aesthetics with preventing bird strikes. Through these changes and the others Beatley describes, it is possible to make our urban environments more welcoming to many bird species.

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In this episode of *New Books in Architecture*, Tricia Keffer interviews Timothy Beatley, author of *The Bird-Friendly City: Creating Safe Urban Habitats*.

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