

**PIENAAR ENERGY (PTY) LTD**

**Solar power generation to drive  
away birds**



## Overview

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Solar arrays, while essential for reducing greenhouse gas emissions, create large reflective surfaces that can confuse migratory animals. Understanding the evidence requires a clear distinction between photovoltaic (PV) panels and concentrated solar power (CSP) systems, as each presents unique threats. These facilities use mirrors called heliostats to focus sunlight onto a central tower, creating intense heat. At the Ivanpah Solar Electric Generating System in California, for example, an. Energy production is known to have a widespread impact on wild bird species. Fish and Wildlife Services estimated that yearly avian mortalities due to electrocution average 5. As with all forms of renewable. In 1986, the world's largest solar facility was built in Kramer Junction, California, USA, to generate electricity using mirrors that focused sunlight into pipes with heat transfer fluid that produced steam to drive the turbines [4]. As of 2023, the United States Photovoltaic Database detailed a.

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### Do Solar Farms Kill Birds? The Complex Reality

Solar farms can impact bird populations through several mechanisms, leading to fatalities or displacement. The "lake effect" occurs when reflective photovoltaic (PV) panels are mistaken for ...

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### Do Solar Farms Kill Birds? The Evidence Explained

The impact of a solar facility on birds hinges entirely on whether it uses photovoltaic panels or concentrated solar power technology. PV solar farms are the most common type, using ...

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## Solar Energy Production's Toll on Wild Birds

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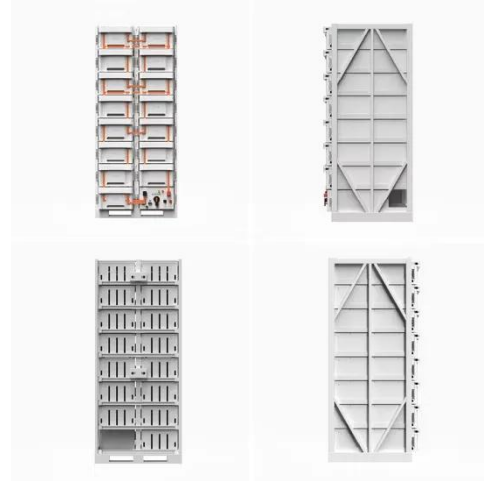
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