

## CAN BIRDS CAUSE WILDFIRES?



**Yes, according to Dr. James Dwyer of EDM International.**

In a recent scientific study conducted by EDM International on Beale Air Force Base California in 2016 – 2017. The report indicates that in 2016 there were no bird-caused fires at powerlines. However, in 2017 birds were the cause of five fires at powerlines.

Bird-caused fires on distribution lines result from birds perching on power poles and simultaneously contacting an energized wire and a path to ground (phase to ground) or two energized wires. (phase to phase).

This report serves as evidence of bird contacts igniting wildfires and provides the electric utility industry information that can be useful in evaluating their Fire Hardening strategies.

The Wallstreet Journal is reporting that Fire seasons are getting longer. California's wildfire season grew to nearly half the year in 2019, increasing the danger.

Kaddas Enterprises is proud to partner with California Utility Companies by providing flame retardant covers, to help eliminate the risk of bird-caused fires. According to the US Department of Energy 20% of all power outages across the U.S. are caused by animals. Our goal is simple: Eliminate this risk for everyone.

Thank you for your ongoing support!

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