Woodpecker Solutions Compared

For owners, HOAs and property managers

DETERRENTS BUY TIME. ULTRA-GUARD FIXES THE WALL.

Woodpeckers are protected under the federal Migratory Bird Treaty Act, so the fix has to be a wall they can't damage, not a fight with the birds. This sheet compares the options most owners try.

Option	How It Works	Stops Drilling?	Appearance	Fixes Existing Damage?	Long-Term Cost
Decoys (owls, hawks)	Visual scare	**NO** Birds stop being fooled, often within weeks	**PARTIAL** Visible on the building	**NO**	**PARTIAL** Low upfront, replaced often
Reflective tape, scare balloons	Flash and movement scare	**NO** Loses effect as birds adjust	**NO** Unsightly	**NO**	**PARTIAL** Ongoing replacement
Sound devices	Distress calls or noise	**PARTIAL** Short-term at best	**PARTIAL** Noise for neighbors	**NO**	**PARTIAL** Device plus power and upkeep
Netting	Physical barrier over the wall	**PARTIAL** Only while it stays up	**NO** Covers the facade	**NO** Can trap moisture and debris	**PARTIAL** Install plus maintenance
Patching holes	Repair the damaged spots	**NO** Same soft wall, often hit again	**YES** Matches when done well	**PARTIAL** Only the patched spots	**NO** Repeat repair bills
Ultra-Guard EIFS™	Cement board impact layer built into the wall	**YES** Hard face resists drilling	**YES** Matches your color and texture	**YES** Wet or damaged areas repaired first	**YES** One-time investment

WHY WOODPECKERS PICK EIFS

- The wall sounds hollow, like dead wood with insects inside.
- Foam behind a thin finish is easy to dig into for a nest.
- Once a bird finds a good spot, it tends to come back to the same building.
- Every hole lets water get behind the wall.

WHAT A HOLE REALLY COSTS

The hole is only the visible part. Water that gets in through peck holes can soak the insulation and rot the sheathing and framing behind it, which turns a small cosmetic repair into a much larger one. That's why every Ultra-Guard job starts with an inspection.

BEST FIT FOR ULTRA-GUARD

- Buildings that have been hit more than once
- Chimney chases, gables and upper walls
- HOAs and multi-family communities with repeat repair costs
- New construction near woods, water or open land

NEXT STEP

Free virtual estimate: email photos of each damaged area plus a wide shot of each elevation to ems@eifswallsystems.com.

On-site inspection: from $450, Southside Hampton Roads. Call 757-833-4063.

Effectiveness notes are general field observations, not test results. Results vary by bird activity and building conditions.