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I don't think they look bad, and I don't know much about birds. But keep in mind how many of those windmills are needed to equal just one coal plant. The average coal plant produces approximately 1.3 million megawatt hours/year. Your average industrial windmill does about 3,000 megawatt-hours/year. So you need roughly 430 of those windmills in that picture to equal the average coal plant, and that particular coal plant looks bigger than average.

That said, I love wind as a power source, it has considerably higher upside than solar does right now. Neither are going to be enough to take a bite out of coal, but they might be enough to prevent us from having to build more coal and gas plants. It's not the "answer", but its certainly a good thing!