

GEESE

in Oakland County

Canada geese are a Michigan native species that are very common and can be spotted year-round.

GEESE FACTS

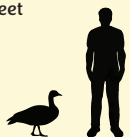
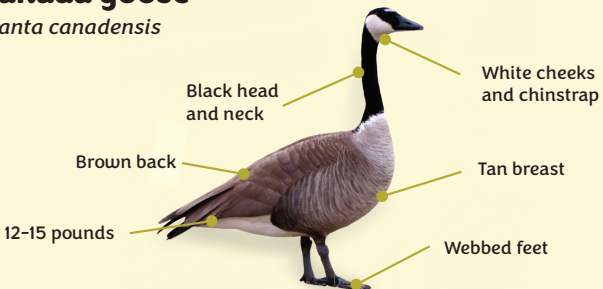
- Canada geese are protected by the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. Pursuing, hunting, capturing, or killing Canada geese including their nest and eggs is prohibited by law.
- Canada geese nest in every Michigan county but are most commonly found in the southern portion of the Lower Peninsula.
- Canada geese are attracted to land near fresh water and lawns that are heavily fertilized, mowed, and watered.
- Canada geese can be very territorial and aggressive. They will not back down if they feel threatened and will charge a perceived threat.



GOOSE ID

Canada goose

Branta canadensis



HOW TO KEEP GEESE OFF YOUR PROPERTY

SEPERATE YOUR LAWN FROM WATER



If you live near a body of water, seperate your lawn from the water's edge with a 6-foot-wide buffer of vegetation around three feet tall. This will make geese feel threatened by predators.

USE DETERRENTS

- Visual deterrents: reflective scare tape streamers, predator decoys, and laser lights.
- Audio deterrents: play predator or goose alarm call sounds.
- Taste deterrent: lawn sprays.



HAZE GEESE

Chase the geese when you see them. Remember, it is not legal to physically harm geese or their eggs without appropriate DNR permits.



HIRE A PROFESSIONAL HAZER



Professional goose hazers will haze geese on your property using herding dogs. Several local goose deterrent businesses can provide this and many of the other options mentioned above.

FOR QUESTIONS:

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