

# MUTE SWANS

in Oakland County

**Mute swans are an invasive species in Oakland County with a growing population.**

## MUTE SWAN FACTS

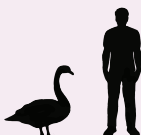
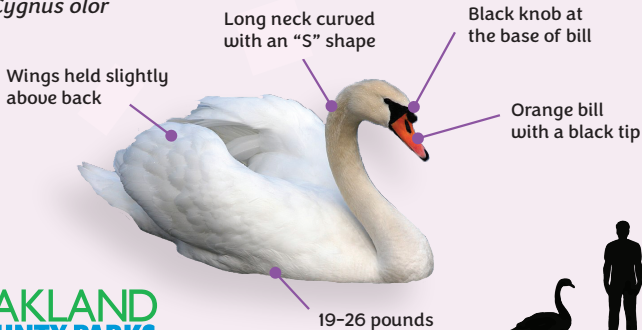
- Mute swans are large European birds that were brought to Michigan for ornamental purposes.
- Mute swans eat eight pounds of vegetation a day and uproot 20+ pounds while feeding.
- Mute swans are extremely territorial and sometimes kill native waterfowl along with preventing them from nesting.
- Mute swans frequently attack people who venture too close to their young.
- Due to their rapidly increasing population, the Michigan Department of Natural Resources (MDNR) adopted a plan in 2010 to reduce the population of mute swans.



## MUTE SWAN ID

### Mute swan

*Cygnus olor*



# CONTROLLING MUTE SWANS ON YOUR PROPERTY

## GET AN EGG/NEST DESTRUCTION PERMIT

This prevents swans from reproducing. This will also reduce aggression because they won't be protecting their babies during summer months. This can be done yourself with a permit, or you can hire a nuisance wildlife business.



## GET A REMOVAL PERMIT

This option is ideal for controlling the invasive mute swan population. For lethal removal of swans, contact the U.S. Department of Agriculture Wildlife Services who will do the permitted removal for free. Follow the QR code below for the link to DNR mute swan removal applications/permits.



## TRUMPETER SWANS

Trumpeter swans are native to Michigan. These swans (pictured on the left) are slightly larger than mute swans and have a black bill. Mute swans are aggressive and can take over trumpeter swan habitat. Help support our native trumpeter swans by controlling mute swans on your property.



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