

Canada Goose Facts



Fast Facts: Canada goose

Scientific name: Branta canadensis

Average weight: 2 - 17 lbs

Average wingspan: 4 - 5.6 ft

Did you know?

Canada geese nest in the same region their parents did, often in the same nest every year.

8 Interesting Facts about Canada geese

- 1. Canada geese can be found in most types of wetland. Although they are waterfowl, they spend as much time on land as they do in the water.
- 2. They will often eat for 12 hours or more a day to consume a sufficient amount of nutrients. They feed even more intensively right before they fly north after the winter, storing energy for an active breeding period and preparing for a lack of food in the spring.
- Canada geese have a large lifespan, some can live up to twenty four years in the wild. However, most
 die within the first year of life because of predators. Resident geese with no local predators have longer
 lifespans.
- 4. Canada geese can travel more than 620 miles in a day while migrating. This means that they could fly around the world in approximately 40 days! These noisy groups honk their way along established paths that include designated "rest stops." These social birds remain in flocks year-round, except while nesting.
- 5. During the second year of their lives, Canada geese find a mate. They are monogamous, and most couples stay together all of their lives. If one dies, the other may find a new mate. The female lays from 2–9 eggs with an average of five and both parents protect the nest while the eggs incubate, but the female spends more time at the nest than the male.
- 6. Canada goose populations represent a successful wildlife protection program that revived dwindling numbers in the beginning of the 20th century. The birds were guarded by law and even reintroduced in some areas where their numbers had become low. Today the geese are a popular game bird, and some management concerns center on keeping populations in check because of their detrimental effect on crops.



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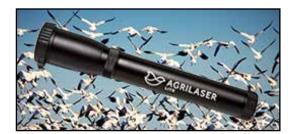
- 7. Messy droppings from Canada geese can accumulate quickly, one Canada goose defecates 28 times a day, about 1 pound per day. Multiply that by the number of geese hanging out on your property and you will see that you soon have a big mess.
- 8. Canada geese like a wide open area to graze and raise their young. Open spaces like golf courses, parks and green belts are perfect places for geese to live. They like to be able to see in all directions to be sure they are safe from predators. Both parents are extremely protective of their young, defending them vigorously for about 10-weeks.

Humane Goose Deterrents



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Using a unique patent pending formula, Avian Control irritates the birds' mucous membranes causing them to avoid the area. Avian Control can either be sprayed or fogged for desired effect.



The Agrilaser® Lite repels birds during lighting conditions of 10.000 Lux or less, which can be compared with cloudy weather. Birds perceive the laser beam as an approaching physical danger and fly away in search for safer grounds. Unlike conventional methods of bird deterrence, there will be no habituation effect. After consistent use, birds will perceive the area as unsafe and will not return.

The **Solar Bird Chase Super Sonic** is a programmable sound deterrent used to deter birds from large open spaces. The unit is weather resistant and is solar so that it can play during clouded days.



HOW IT WORKS:

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