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1 Geese return to the area of their birth each year to mate and nest.

2 Nesting season is mid March to May.

3 Geese can fly up to 1,500 miles in a single day when migrating.

4 Migrating geese will "pond hop" and forage for food.

5 Mature Canada geese can weigh up to 14 pounds, with up to a 75-inch wingspan.

6 Canada geese live around 10-25 years on average in the wild.

7 Baby geese, called goslings will follow virtually anything that moves--dogs, ducks, and humans.

8 Canada geese will violently attack anything that they sense as a threat to their goslings, including humans.

9 Canada geese have a black neck and head, and a striking white "chinstrap" on the neck.

10 Canada geese prefer nesting sites on elevated, secluded areas near bodies of water like lakes, streams, and ponds.

11 Canada geese primarily eat green vegetation, grasses, aquatic plants, grains, and occasionally fish and insects.

12 In urban areas, geese will pick food off of streets, out of garbage cans, and damage crops and fouling pastures with their waste.

13 Migratory Bird Treaty Act of 1918 makes it illegal to intentionally capture, kill or disrupt Canada geese or the nests and eggs of such birds.

14 Humane repellents and deterrents have proven successful in controlling geese.

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