

Canada Geese



Threatened earlier with dwindling populations, the Canada goose has made a dramatic come back. Due to their extremely adaptable ways, Canada geese are now plentiful. They are a migratory bird and are federally protected under the [Migratory Bird Treaty Act](#). You are not permitted to disturb or move a nest once it is established. This can be a great concern for cities that have ball parks and soccer fields which appear to be a perfect environment for these large birds.

Canada geese spend 10 to 12 hours eating everyday. The old adage of what goes in must come out holds true for these large birds. Fifty geese can produce two and a half *tons* of excrement in a year!

The average life span of a Canada goose is 20-24 years. Canada geese exhibit very strong family and pair bonds, and tend to return to their natal homes to nest. Female Canada geese lay a range of 2-8 eggs with an incubation period of 25-28 days. A life span of 20 to 24 years can produce a number of offspring that if they were all to return to their natal home would produce astounding effects.

If you have a problem with Canada geese in your neighborhood, please contact either the Animal Control Officer at (216) 524-3940 or the [Ohio Division of Wildlife](#).

PLEASE : DO NOT FEED the Canada geese! This encourages them to stay around the area where they are being fed. It is against City Ordinance [505.15 FEEDING OF WILD LIFE AND STRAY ANIMALS PROHIBITED](#).