

Please be aware of Canada Geese that may be nesting here!



Nesting pairs will use the same area year after year if they have nested there successfully in the past. Laying a complete clutch of eggs takes a little more than a week and incubation of the eggs starts with the last egg laid so that all eggs hatch at approximately the same time. Incubation lasts about 25 to 28 days. The female incubates the eggs while the male guards her and the nest. After the eggs hatch, the chicks stay in the nest for only a day or two then follow both the protective parents to water where they remain as a family brood for the summer and early fall then all migrate together with other Canada geese.

Canada Geese are protected by federal law. Canada Geese may not be moved or otherwise harassed during their critical nesting period unless they are causing damage or pose a threat to human health and safety (see below for further information). Please help us to respect these rules. Feeding of Canada Geese will increase the likelihood of making them less fearful of people, and more likely to attack if they perceive a threat which can be as simple as someone walking by. Canada Geese will protect their nest, mate and young vigorously if we get too close and they can cause serious harm to people.

We ask for your co-operation in helping us to coexist with urban wildlife:

- **March through early April** – surveillance of property (rooftops, balconies, etc.) to determine if nesting material is present (grasses or other vegetation). Remove previous nesting material if present. Use exclusion techniques on preferred nesting sites such as planters (cover with wire mesh). **This is the only time you can legally prevent geese from becoming established.** Once eggs are being laid, it is illegal to tamper with nests, eggs or goslings and geese or any migratory bird. **They are protected under the Migratory Birds Convention Act.** Only someone with appropriate permitting from the Canadian Wildlife Service (CWS) may remove eggs or nests and only under certain conditions. Contact a Permits Officer at CWS (306-975-4087) for further advice and for a permit if required.
- **Do not approach a goose on a nest.**
- **Do not approach a goose standing or sitting in the general area.**
- **Do not feed any geese.**

For info about Canada Geese, see <http://wrseurbanwildlife.weebly.com/>

For info about Migratory Birds, see https://www.ec.gc.ca/paom-itmb/default.asp?lang=En&n=1B16EAFB-1#_006

To report injured or orphaned wildlife, call the Wildlife Rehabilitation Society of Edmonton at **780-914-4118**