

Indiana Division of Fish and Wildlife's Canada Goose  
Conflict Resolution Sheet



## Gotta Goose Problem?

If you are experiencing conflict with a nuisance Canada goose or other waterfowl, see below to determine what the best course of action may be:



Problem	Solution
<p>I have a Canada Goose attempting to nest on my property, but there is just nesting material and no eggs yet.</p>	<p>No permit is required to harass geese using methods such as dogs, water hoses, leaf blowers, etc., but you may not physically harm the geese. You may remove the nest without a permit. Place a geographical barrier (fencing, etc.) in front of the nesting area so that the geese cannot re-nest. If an egg is placed in the nest, a permit becomes necessary.</p>
<p>I have a Canada Goose nesting on my property and would like to remove the nest/eggs to alleviate aggressive nesting behavior of the geese.</p>	<p>You MUST register online with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) at: <a href="https://epermits.fws.gov/eRCGR/geSI.aspx">https://epermits.fws.gov/eRCGR/geSI.aspx</a>. Once the egg/nest destruction work is complete, make sure to return all record forms per website guidance/instructions to the USFWS. No permit is required from the Indiana DNR for goose egg/nest removal.</p>
<p>I have an aggressive Canada Goose (defending its nest) on my property. I registered online and destroyed the nest/eggs, but the Canada Goose continues to be aggressive.</p>	<p>In situations in which Canada goose aggression is not resolved by removing the nest and eggs, a permit can be issued by a district wildlife biologist to euthanize the aggressive goose/geese pair (online egg/nest registration is a prerequisite activity). The goose/geese must be euthanized by an authorized nuisance waterfowl control operator. A permit can only be issued to someone with the legal authority at the property in question (landowner, HOA President, Property Manager, etc.)</p>

<p>I have a large number of Canada geese on my property. I would like to trap and relocate the Canada geese to another location.</p>	<p>A permit can be issued by a district wildlife biologist to relocate Canada geese during their flightless period ONLY (mid June through early July). The trapping and relocation can be conducted by the permittee or an authorized nuisance waterfowl control operator. A permit can only be issued to someone with the legal authority at the property in question (landowner, HOA President, Property Manager, etc.)</p>
<p>I have a large number of Canada geese on my property. I would like to trap and euthanize the Canada geese.</p>	<p>A permit can be issued by a District Wildlife Biologist to euthanize Canada geese during their flightless period ONLY (mid-June through early July). The goose/geese must be euthanized by an authorized nuisance waterfowl control operator. A permit can only be issued to someone with the legal authority at the property in question (landowner, HOA president, property manager, etc.)</p>
<p>I have a mallard duck that has nested on my property. It has a nest and egg OR the eggs have hatched and the ducklings are in a confined space.</p>	<p>A mallard egg/nest destruction permit can be issued by a district wildlife biologist to remove nests/eggs. If the eggs have hatched, the ducklings can be herded (through doors or corridors) to open spaces (the hen will stay with the ducklings). If this is NOT an option, a licensed wildlife rehabilitator can possess the ducklings (if they cannot access food or water) and ultimately free the ducklings with the hen.</p>
<p>I have a domestic (non-wild duck or goose) on my property.</p>	<p>Domestic ducks and geese, as well as non-native ducks and geese can be removed, relocated, euthanized, and their nest/eggs destroyed without any permit. These are NOT regulated by IDNR.</p>
<p>I live in a rural area and have problems with nuisance Canada geese. They regularly rest on a body of water on my property OR they have caused crop damage on my property.</p>	<p>Consider hunting as a management strategy to alleviate nuisance goose concerns. Hunting is the most economical, practical method to alleviate nuisance Canada goose concerns where safe and lawful. Outside of the hunting seasons, Canada geese causing agricultural depredation or damage to property can be shot via a permit issued by a district wildlife biologist.</p>

For more information on any of these scenarios, or to resolve any conflict with nuisance Canada geese or other waterfowl, please click on the following link:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2996.htm>

Or contact your Indiana DNR district wildlife biologist at:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2716.htm>

A list of approved nuisance waterfowl control operators can be found at:

<http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/2351.htm>

A licensed wildlife rehabilitator can be found at: <http://www.in.gov/dnr/fishwild/files/fw-RehabList.pdf>