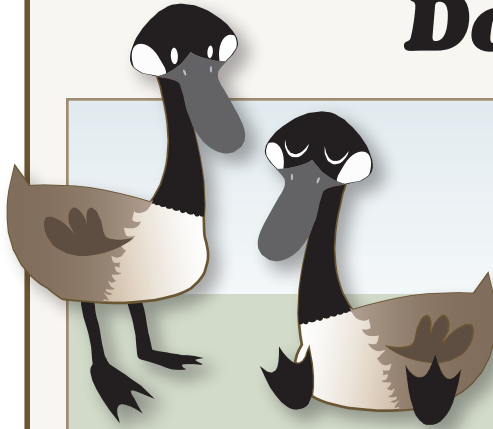


If you love us, Don't feed us!



Resident goose populations have been growing in Minnesota for many reasons:

- Natural predators are absent
- More food resources are available
(Geese like to eat short turf grasses found in parks, recreational fields, and lawns, as well as corn and other food offered by people)

Although you may love the unique experience of feeding geese, these wild animals should only be observed and NOT fed. Feeding them:

- Discourages dispersion and migration.
- Causes overcrowding, concentrating the input of goose poop in nearby lakes, streams and wetlands. Too much fecal coliform bacteria from goose poop is one reason for poor water quality in metro lakes.
- Increases the chances that diseases like avian botulism, avian flu, duck plague, and avian cholera will spread quickly once a flock is infected.
- Makes geese more dependent on humans, decreasing their natural behaviors and increasing human conflict from their nuisance and aggressive behaviors.
- Ruins their diet! Popcorn, bread, shelled corn, and other unnatural foods do not provide a balanced diet and may cause wing deformities and other health issues.
- Destroys park property and impacts recreational uses and park enjoyment.

You can help. Resist the urge to feed the geese!

**It's better for them &
It's better for the environment.**