

# Do Not Feed Waterfowl

*Feeding of waterfowl is NOT beneficial – it has negative ecological, environmental, and social consequences*

## Feeding of wild waterfowl can lead to:

### *Delayed Migration*

- *Waterfowl's natural instincts are disturbed*
- *Birds may overstay their welcome*

### *Malnutrition*

- *Decreased reproductive rates*
- *Development of deformed (propeller) wings*
- *Increased susceptibility to predation*
- *Loss of flight ability*
- *Lowered life expectancy*

### *Spread of Disease*

- *Avian influenza (bird flu)*
- *Aspergillosis*
- *Avian cholera*
- *Botulism*
- *Duck viral enteritis*

### *Hybridization*

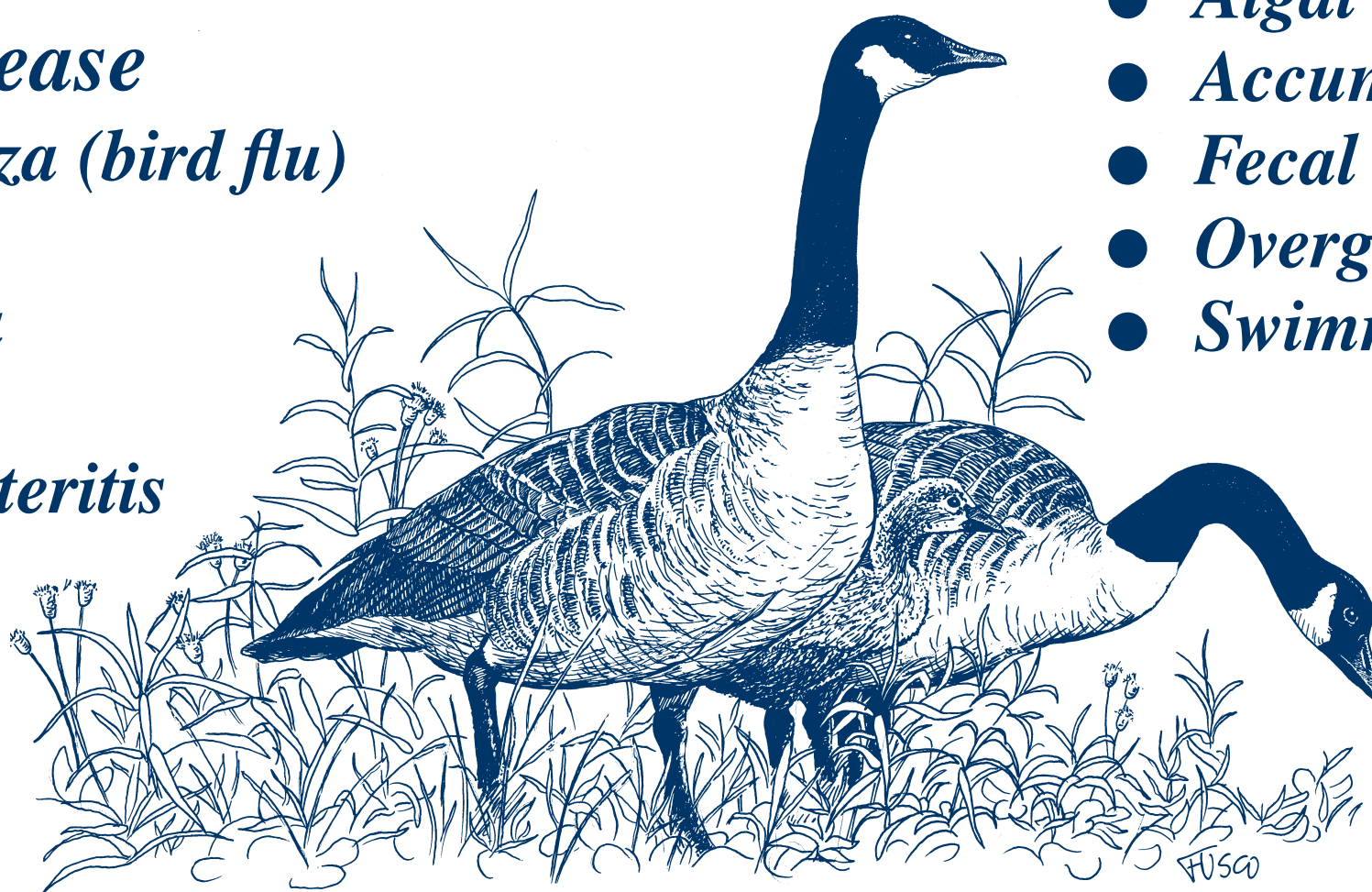
- *Hybridization between domestic and wild waterfowl compromises the integrity of wild populations*

### *Public Safety Concerns*

- *Dangerous and unpredictable behavior*
- *Vehicle strikes*

### *Reduced Water Quality*

- *Algal blooms*
- *Accumulation of droppings*
- *Fecal coliform bacteria*
- *Overgrazing of vegetation*
- *Swimmer's itch*



*Support efforts of federal, state, and private organizations to conserve waterfowl and waterfowl habitat.*

*Purchase a Connecticut Duck Stamp from your local town hall, online, or a DEEP Licensing Center to provide funds for the purchase and restoration of natural habitats for waterfowl.*

*Since the debut of the Connecticut Duck Stamp Program in 1993, over 3,545 acres of inland and tidal wetlands have been restored or enhanced, and important upland buffer areas associated with wetlands have been acquired.*

***If You Want to Help Waterfowl, DO NOT Feed Them!***



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