

Just for Kids

What large bird is brown on its back, white on its belly and has a white cheek patch?

Canada Goose



Some like it hot! (Or at least warm!)

Connecticut has resident Canada geese that stay here all year long. They nest and spend the winter in Connecticut. Other geese are migratory and nest in Alaska and northern Canada and spend the winter in the southern states. Some of these geese migrate through Connecticut in fall and spring. If Connecticut's winter is mild, some of the migrant geese will stay here all winter long.

Honk, honk, honk!

When Canada geese migrate, their loud honking can be heard from miles away. The geese fly together in large, V-shapes in the sky. As the birds fly, little air currents are made around the wings and body. Flying in a "V" helps the birds gain lift from each other and they use less energy on their flight.

Watch where you're walking!

Sometimes Canada geese are a nuisance in parks, golf courses, ballfields and lawns. Too many geese leave too many droppings! High grass and low fences may keep geese out. Frightening geese with loud noises, scarecrows, flying balloons or dogs sometimes works, too. Hunting, where it is allowed, can help solve some goose problems.

Answers to Quiz

1. water plants, 2. seeds, 3. clover, 4. grains, 5. grass

It's not "Canadian"

When you are talking about more than one goose say, "Canada geese" not "Canadian geese." Many people make this mistake. Let your English teacher know!

What does a Canada goose eat?

Unscramble the words below to find out.

1. teawr nslpta
2. desse
3. rlvoce
4. ragisn
5. sgsar

