

# Did You Know...?

## Canada Geese

- A single goose produces up to 3 pounds of droppings per day.<sup>9</sup> Goose fecal matter has been linked to the spread of diseases, bacterial infections and water quality issues.
- An adult goose eats up to 4 lbs. of grass daily.<sup>9</sup>
- Geese are responsible for the closing of many beaches and parks throughout the US because of dangerously high bacteria (e coli) levels due to their droppings.<sup>9</sup>
- Canada geese include 17 varieties, ranging in size from the 2-3 lb. Crackling to the 10-20 lb Giant.<sup>4</sup>
- Resident geese mate earlier (late March), have a higher survival rate and can live 20+ years.<sup>6</sup>
- The number of resident geese in NJ has more than doubled in the past 10 years.<sup>5</sup>
- Roughly 85,000 geese live in Ohio and over one million in the Mississippi River basin.<sup>7</sup> The goose population has been known to double every 4 to 5 years.
- At sexual maturity, about two years of age, geese will return to the same lake where they first learned to fly, mate and establish a nesting territory.<sup>4</sup>
- It is believed geese mate for life, but if one dies, the other will quickly find another mate.<sup>4</sup>
- Geese can lay up to 12 eggs and nests have been found with over 32 eggs.<sup>8</sup>
- Geese are protected under the Migratory Bird Treaty Act. If you harm a goose, or attempt to, in Ohio it can cost you \$250.00 and 30 days in jail.<sup>5</sup>