

Detering Nesting Geese

You can Help!

Prevention is the best medicine. When geese look for a place to nest, they tend to look for a place that is high up and close (but not too close) to a water source, with a great view to watch for potential predators. Unfortunately, this means that tall city buildings are often selected as ideal nesting sites!

In order to prevent geese from nesting, net off balconies, gardens, and other outdoor areas in the early spring (March-April).

It is extremely difficult and dangerous to relocate goose families, so the best way to protect them is prevention and to stop them nesting in unsafe spots in the first place! However, if you do see a goose family making a nest in an unsafe location, call our Wildlife Hotline for tips on how to manage the situation.

Did you know?

- Female geese can lay up to 12 eggs, and the eggs are incubated for 25-30 days. The male goose will defend the nesting site.
- After hatching, goslings (baby geese) are already able to walk and swim, and the parents will guide their young to the nearest body of water within a couple of days.
- Goslings can fall more than two (2) stories without hurting themselves! Their bodies are so light that they simply drift to the ground.

Relocation:

We do not offer goose relocating services as it is dangerous and unsafe for the goose family as well as our staff and volunteers.

Have questions concerning injured or orphaned wildlife?
Call our **Wildlife Hotline: 403-946-2361.**