



ZGPG (Zero Goose Population Growth)

What is ZGPG? Zero Goose Population Growth stabilizes our Canada goose population in a humane manner by adding their eggs in the nest. The mother will continue to brood, but no goslings will hatch.

Why is ZGPG important? 1) Goslings born here never leave, and the life span of a Canada goose can be 25 years. 2) Goose droppings adorn walkways and grassy areas, and are often stepped in, which causes a major mess and even accidents. 3) Droppings contaminate water sources and create high levels of algae. 4) Dogs often ingest droppings, which can cause giardia, a serious gastrointestinal disease. 5) Droppings are an eyesore and smell bad.

How can you recognize a nest? Nests are low to the ground. The eggs are huge and often covered with grass. The mother sits on the nest (except when she leaves for feeding) and the father stands guard nearby. The last is often the first clue to a nest's location.

How can you help? If you see a goose nest do NOT move it or destroy the eggs - the mother will relocate and lay more. Instead, send e-mail to info@YantacawBrookParkConservancy.org. We will pass the information on to the town, and they will arrange for addling. If the nest is on private property, we will get the homeowners' permission before addling occurs. Geese can be highly aggressive when protecting a nest, so do NOT engage them.

