

Bird of the Month - November

Canada Goose



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IDENTIFICATION

- Males and females are similar
- Black head and neck with white cheek patch
- Larger than other waterfowl except the swans
- “Honking” call given often
- Black legs and webbed feet

FOOD

- Grazer that prefers short grass, likes waste grains in winter

PREDATORS

- Humans, raccoons, skunks, coyotes, falcons, hawks and eagles



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Baby Canada Geese

BEHAVIORS AND FUN FACTS

- 11 subspecies across North America
- Some migrate in the fall but some spend the winter here
- Canada Geese keep the same mate for life
- Aggressive adult pairs may steal babies from other pairs forming giant broods over 20 chicks strong
- Females usually lay 3-8 eggs
- Females incubate the eggs while males stand guard
- Also called “Honkers” or Canadian Honkers”