

Save The Geese

Job description – *egg addling*

PURPOSE: To addle goose eggs and diminish number of gosling hatched.

EXPLANATION: Geese without goslings will not remain in an area they are being hazed in. Geese with goslings will not leave an area regardless of the amount of hazing. Hazing of geese with goslings should not be done. **No addling should be done to an egg that is \geq 14 days old.**

DURATION: Addling will be done every seven (7) days during nesting season.

METHOD: Either egg destruction or oiling method to be used, per Scotia Village parks officials in collaboration with the United States Department of Agriculture, Geesepeace and the Humane Society of the United States. **All volunteers are encouraged to attend training and seek further, more thorough instructions from the following HSUS pdf file: http://files.hsus.org/web-files/PDF/WILD_Goose_Egg_Addling_Protocol.pdf**

If unsuccessful try:

http://www.hsus.org/wildlife/urban_wildlife_our_wild_neighbors/urban_canada_geese/Canada_goose_egg_addling_protocol.html - you will then be prompted to download pdf file.

PROCEDURE: The following procedure will remain flexible pending training by Geese Peace or USDA officials. This is with regards to the egg oiling method.

1. Teams of at least two (2) people will be assigned to an area. The area will include, but not be limited to an island in the Mohawk River.
2. Each team will have with it one (1) bucket of water sufficient to submerge several eggs; one (1) marker; one (1) liter bottle of 100% food-grade corn oil; one (1) umbrella; and materials to record data.
3. One (1) team member will preoccupy parent geese with umbrella in humane/non-contact manner.
4. Other team member will conduct “float test”: submerge egg in bucket of water. If egg floats or any part of egg is not submerged the egg is too old for addling. Return egg as marked and DO NOT OIL.
5. Eggs that remain submerged must be dried, marked and thoroughly coated with oil. Repeat until all eligible eggs are oiled.
6. Mark nest to denote completion for the week.
7. Move on to next nest and allow parent geese to return to the nest.
8. Record the following information:
 - (1) Date and time of procedure
 - (2) Location and number of the nest
 - (3) Number of eggs in the clutch
 - (4) Method of addling used
 - (5) Personnel involved
 - (6) Optional: defensive behavior of parent geese