

## Timeline for Managing Geese on Large Lakes

Month	Activity of Geese	What you should be doing
January	Migratory geese are moving through the area. Resident geese begin their 1st "shift" around the middle of the month. Some pairs of breeding age geese may break away from the flocks in early preparation of the nesting season.	Fill out a complaint at <a href="http://www.ohiodnr.com/gooseconflict">www.ohiodnr.com/gooseconflict</a> . Pull out a map of the lake. Mark with a highlighter the areas in which the geese have caused problems in the past. Begin looking for geese "setting up shop" in these areas. Harass the geese away from these areas using pyrotechnics, chasing, and/or dogs. Check once first thing in the morning and once before going home at the end of the day.
February	Geese begin to pair up and separate themselves from the flock. The number of migratory geese on the lake begins to go down by the end of the month.	Continue to harass the geese off the designated problem areas using pyrotechnics, chasing and/or dogs. Check once first thing in the morning and once before going home at the end of the day.
March	Geese are paired and begin to set up nesting territories.	Continue to harass the geese off the designated problem areas. Mark with a red "X" any spots where it looks like a pair of geese will nest.
April	Geese are laying eggs in early April and incubating the eggs in late April.	Obtain a nest destruction permit from the Division of Wildlife and take care of any nests in the designated problem areas.
May	Goose eggs begin to hatch. Geese make their 2nd "shift" after the young have hatched.	Chase geese (including the young) from the problem areas.
June	Geese begin their molting and are unable to fly. At the end of the month they begin to flock up again.	Continue to chase any geese from the problem areas. Now is the time to determine with the Division of Wildlife whether a roundup permit is needed.
July	Adult and young geese are able to fly around mid-July. Resident geese continue to form flocks.	Continue to harass the geese off the designated problem areas using pyrotechnics, chasing, and/or dogs. Check once first thing in the morning and once before going home at the end of the day.
August	Resident geese are in flocks.	Continue to harass the geese off the designated problem areas using pyrotechnics, chasing, and/or dogs. Check once first thing in the morning and once before going home at the end of the day.
September	Resident geese are in flocks. Geese make their third "shift"	Continue to harass the geese off the designated problem areas using pyrotechnics, chasing, and/or dogs.. Utilize hunting around the problem areas if you are able to.
October	Migratory geese are moving through the area.	Restock any goose harassment supplies for next year.
November	Migratory geese are moving through the area.	Nothing.
December	Migratory geese are moving through the area.	Nothing.

