



CITY OF ARVADA



MAJESTIC VIEW
NATURE CENTER



PRESERVE THE
SPIRIT OF AMERICA
BY ALLOWING
WATERFOWL TO STAY
WILD

Observe and
appreciate them from
a distance.



*Metro/Front Range
Waterfowl Management
Task Force*

LOSS OF FEAR OF HUMANS

Habituated geese can become more aggressive and artificial feeding can change the behavior of wild geese and ducks. Waterfowl that have been fed are more likely to approach to closely and may lose their fear of humans. They may also approach people who do not respect wildlife and who might harm them intentionally.

In addition, artificial feeding may also disrupt normal migration patterns causing large numbers of birds to stay in an area longer than the natural food supply can support them, ultimately causing starvation.



Metro/Front Range Waterfowl Management Task Force

The Front Range Waterfowl Management Task Force, created in the spring of 2002, provides a forum for the exchange of ideas, methods and techniques for the management and control of the exploding resident Canada goose population.

The Task Force is composed of various federal, state, municipal and special district agencies, as well as private companies.

The Mission Statement of the Task Force reflects its ideals.

"To develop strategies to coordinate waterfowl management in the Metro/Front Range Region including control, education, legislation, public health and funding."

To learn more about waterfowl, visit a library, nature center, museum, state wildlife management area or a National Wildlife Refuge. Also visit the Fish and Wildlife Service's Internet homepage at <http://www.fws.gov> or the Colorado Division of Wildlife at www.ProtectWildlife.org and follow link to "education."

With your cooperation, parks can be a safe and healthy environment for both humans and waterfowl.

*"We believe a healthy balance can be obtained between wildlife and the concerns of the community."
- Harriet Cornell*

CAUTION!

**IF YOU
CARE FOR
WATERFOWL...**

**PLEASE DO NOT
FEED THEM....
YOU'RE KILLING THEM**

Artificial feeding of waterfowl can cause: Malnutrition. Overcrowding. Spread of Disease. Pollution. Loss of Fear of Humans. Aggressiveness.

Birds don't understand the problem.
YOU DO !

MALNUTRITION

Eating improper and less nutritious foods such as bread, popcorn, pastries, crackers and french fries are not good for wildlife.

Wildlife have specialized diets and can find the food they need naturally.

**OVERCROWDING DAMAGES
RESOURCES AND CREATES
SAFETY HAZARDS**

Hand-outs attract wildlife to an area.

Overcrowding causes waterfowl to concentrate in one spot, increases stress on the birds, can increase competition and aggression between birds for hand-outs. Parks and other urban areas cannot support large numbers of waterfowl. Grass in parks, golf courses, and cemeteries gets damaged from overgrazing and trampling by waterfowl. Overgrazing causes erosion and playing field hazards, creating considerable monetary loss.



SPREAD OF DISEASE

Overcrowding makes it easier to spread disease. It also allows disease to spread more rapidly and affects a larger number of birds. Disease can be spread bird-to-bird through the water supply or contact with infected birds.

POLLUTION

Unnaturally large numbers of waterfowl create unsanitary conditions by their feces. They leave piles of feces on the grass and sidewalks creating an unsanitary condition for our children and others. Feces can also affect water quality in our ponds and lakes. Do not attract geese to places children play.

