

# Canada Goose

(*Branta canadensis*)

- Canada Geese choose their mates by larger birds choosing larger mates and smaller birds choosing smaller mates. This is called “assortatively” mating
- When scared or mad the Canada Goose pumps its head, makes hissing noises, honks, and their neck feathers vibrate
- During spring and summer, geese like to eat grasses and sedges. In fall and winter, geese eat more berries and seeds
- Size: Large
- Color: Black head with white cheeks and chinstrap. Black neck with tan lower neck and belly with a brown back

