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**Question:** How badly can geese and ducks affect lakes and ponds?

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**Quote:** “Although most people find a few ducks or geese acceptable, waterfowl populations can quickly get out of hand. One pair of geese can, in five to seven years, easily become 50 to 100 birds that foul ponds and damage lawns, golf courses, and crops.” - Margaret Brittingham, Professor of Wildlife Resources

**Comments:**

I find the quote interesting since most people don't consider how bad the geese and ducks can be towards the area they live in. The most damage they do is not towards the other animals they share the lakes and ponds with, it's the disturbance they give towards the people that visit the pond. They also happen to intrude on golf courses and parks. And people who unknowingly get near the nest of ducks and geese, where there nest shouldn't be, they end up getting injured as the ducks and geese try to protect their young. They can also be found causing distress while wondering around airports and freeways. So the major problem with the both of them seems to be over population, and hunting is a method to control the amount of geese and ducks in the area to the preferred amount. On several occasions, the geese and duck will be captured in traps and transported to other ponds and lakes, to decrease the overpopulation. The geese and ducks could also eat too many fish and decrease a lot of the population in a certain pond or lake, which then leads to a domino effect, hurting the environment of the lake or pond.

**Follow-Up Questions:**

What are other methods to get rid of a few geese and ducks? What are the red bumps on the geese at Chollas Reservoir? What kind of geese were at the Reservoir? How many geese and ducks are killed for decrease in the population yearly? What is the most populated kind of duck and geese? Are the ducks and geese overpopulation a major problem?