

Texas Wildlife Services

“Urban Geese & Black Vulture Roosts”

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Texas Wildlife Services Program

USDA-APHIS-WILDLIFE SERVICES

**The TEXAS A&M AGRILIFE
EXTENSION SERVICE**

**TEXAS WILDLIFE DAMAGE
MANAGEMENT ASSOCIATION**

WS Works to Protect

- Human Health and Safety from wildlife-related diseases such as rabies and plague and wildlife-related hazards such as bird-aircraft strikes.
- Facilities, Structures, and Other Property from damage caused by rats, mice, raccoons, skunks, opossums, squirrels, beaver, birds and other wildlife.
- Crops, Timber, and Rangeland from damage caused by gophers, prairie dogs, feral hogs, raccoons, rabbits, coyotes, grackles, beaver and other wildlife.
- Livestock from depredation caused by coyotes, bobcats, feral hogs, mountain lions, raccoons, birds and other wildlife.
- Wildlife and Other Natural Resources such as endangered species and game animals as well as soil, water and flora from damage and predation by wildlife.

Turkey Vulture



Black Headed Vulture



Vultures

- Black Vulture cause most problems
- Both Protected under Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- Chapter 64 of TPWD Code
- Depredation Permits available from US Fish and Wildlife
- No permit needed to Harass

Black Vulture

- Will attack and kill livestock and other animals
- Damage Buildings and Equipment







Non-Lethal Harassment

- Bird Bangers
- Screamers
- Lasers
- Effigy



Supplies

- Reed-Joseph
- Margo Supplies
- Bird Banger
- Bird Screamer
- Launcher
- Safety glasses, ear pro





Depredation Permit Options

- USFW-Migratory Bird Depredation Permit
- Texas Wildlife Damage Management Association 5 bird permit.

Resident Canada Geese



- ◎ 5-14 lbs.
- ◎ 3 Years old for Sexual maturity
- ◎ Mate for life
- ◎ Nest March-April
- ◎ 2-9 eggs, avg. 5-6
- ◎ Incubation 28 days
- ◎ Molt lasts 20-40 days

- Molt migration
- 3 lbs. of fecal deposits a day
- Grass destruction
- Disease concerns
- Salmonella
- E.coli
- Giardia
- HPAI

Harassment options

- ⦿ Lights
- ⦿ Coyote Decoy
- ⦿ Pyrotechnics
- ⦿ Dogs
- ⦿ Flagging





Options for control

- Migratory Bird Treaty Act
- TPWD chapter 64

- Register flock with USFW
- Oil eggs during nesting season

- Depredation Permit application
- Trap and relocate
- Lethal removal





Questions?

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