

# Lifelike, Stalking 3D Coyote

## Instructions

**Rid your property of aggressive, disease-carrying Canada geese. As coyotes are natural predators of Canada geese, this life-size, realistic coyote replica is a safe, humane and effective solution for geese at golf courses, city parks, corporate grounds, homes and more.**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

Bird-X, Inc. has been recognized worldwide as the bird and pest control experts for more than 40 years and its specialists are able to analyze problems and make recommendations based on each customer's specific situation and needs.

### **II. HUMANE BIRD CONTROL**

No birds were harmed in the development of this product, nor will any be harmed by its use.

### **III. WHY CONTROL GEESE?**

Presently between 3.5 and 5.5 million non-migratory Giant Canada geese reside in the U.S. and lower Canada. They are joined by an additional 9 to 11 million migrant Canada geese from northern Canada each fall to late spring. This population is growing exponentially at the rate of 30% each year, and the resulting mess they create (at least a pound of droppings per day per goose!) is both unsightly and unhealthy. Moreover, it increases the fecal coliform levels in ponds and can contaminate adjacent water and ground.

**IV. COVERAGE** Use a sufficient number of units to cover the entire area. One unit can cover a small yard, but adding additional units increases coverage dramatically (because seeing a predator in more than one location presents a greater sense of danger to the geese). Plan on 1-6 units per acre as a guideline.

### **V. ASSEMBLY AND SET-UP**

**Step 1:** Gently but firmly unroll the coyote body. (It will gradually accept its new, full 3-D shape – see Note below.) To attach the tail, remove the two nuts and single bolt from plastic package. Place one nut on the bolt then slide the bolt through the body from outside to inside. Attach the second bolt on the inside of the body and loosely tighten. Then attach the tail with its simple keyhole slot design. Once the tail is in place, if necessary, reach inside the body cavity and tighten the nut which holds the tail to the body.



**Step 2:** Assemble the stake by aligning the locking tab on the stake base and the slot on the stake top; push together and rotate 1/8 turn to lock into position.



**Step 3:** Remove thumbscrew from the top of the stake.

**Step 4:** Push the stake firmly into the ground (far enough into the ground so that the bottom of the coyote's legs just miss the ground by an inch or two – this will give the strongest impression of a hunting posture and also allow the coyote to rotate positions). Pour hot water on the ground if the ground is hard or frozen.



**Step 5:** Place coyote over the stake, aligning the hole in the top of the body with the top of the stake.

**Step 6:** Secure the coyote to the stake by threading the thumbscrew into the stake.

**Note:** Initially, set the coyote up in direct sun to allow it to return to its original shape. Once it has, place it where geese and other unwanted nuisance animals congregate and can see it, as the coyote will only be effective if it is visible. Move it periodically (and consider using multiples) to prevent pests from acclimating.

**Note that placement in rough grass or weeds gives the most complete and realistic impression, that of a dangerous predator stalking its prey.**

### **V. MANUFACTURER'S WARRANTY**

The 3-D coyote is warranted against defects in materials and workmanship for a period of six months from the shipping date. At the option of Bird-X, Inc., we will either replace or repair the defective unit. Prior authorization and a returned goods authorization (RGA) number will be necessary from Bird-X, Inc. RETURNS ARE ACCEPTED ONLY WITH AUTHORIZATION FROM OUR CHICAGO OFFICE.

## VI. HINTS FOR THE MOST SUCCESSFUL GOOSE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

- A. Survey the geese and their entry, exit and feeding habits.
- B. Inspect your property. Discover what the geese find attractive about your area, and if the same conditions prevail in neighboring properties.
- C. Maintain a changing environment. For maximum effectiveness, periodically relocate or reposition the unit.
- D. Install early, before the "season" begins, as it is easier to discourage them than to rout them out once they have already established a pattern.
  - *Late summer to early winter*, when all geese can fly and goslings don't require special feeding areas, you will experience quickest success.
  - *Late winter to early spring*, as nesting season approaches and geese claim territories, it will take more effort.
  - *Mid-spring*, when nests are constructed and eggs are laid, you'll face even greater challenges.
  - *Late spring to mid summer*, as eggs hatch but goslings cannot yet fly, you'll benefit from another period of less resistance.
- E. Use products synergistically. Because success takes time to build, and goose habits may take time to break, for best results, Bird-X, Inc. always recommends that the 3D Coyote be used in conjunction with one or more other products. The combination of different types of control methods has proven to maximize the effectiveness of pest goose control programs. Call Bird-X, Inc. at (312) 226-2473 (BAN BIRD) or visit [www.bird-x.com](http://www.bird-x.com) for more information on companion products, specifically:
  - GooseBuster first-ever naturally-recorded goose alert and alarm call generator, developed by a renowned biologist;
  - GatorGuard floating alligator-head replica;
  - GooseChase food-grade, biodegradable taste aversion spray for grass.
- F. Consider alternate locations. Make educated guesses as to where the geese will go, and consider purchasing additional units for these areas.
- G. *Establish Zero Tolerance*: Drive all geese away. Success is achievable if you *prevent* geese from claiming stakes rather than waiting — often for as short a time as 20 minutes — until they establish proprietorship. Do not accept one or two pair, as their comfort will elicit calls which make other geese find that area attractive.
- H. Consider aggressive *additional* harassment (multiple people performing multiple movements; variation is most important).

Walk or run toward (or jog by) the geese while waving your arms

Stare at geese

Drive a lawnmower or other groundskeeping equipment toward them, or operate machinery nearby

Fish with a large surface lure cast near geese on ponds

Use pyrotechnics, cracker shells and fireworks (no permit required for use on geese, but check local noise/fireworks ordinances.) If they're on a pond, use cracker shells and/or drag a floating rope across the pond to force the geese to fly to another site. Water normally provides safe haven from predators and disturbance, but this can be overcome with a bit of ingenuity and effort.

Exclude them from water — prevent them from entering or leaving water areas with low fencing or fishing line strung at 6 and 12-inch heights during brood rearing and flightless periods of year. Geese will avoid an area with no access to water's safety and nourishment.

Use dogs, any breed that will chase geese and return on command, but you have a responsibility to prevent any harm to geese, goslings or eggs.

Use insecticide to make the grass less desirable for goslings' regular diet of insects

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