

Goose Behavior



Head-flip – The goose is in the water with neck extended and head moving from side to side.



Head-upright – Neck is held straight up.
What it means: The goose is wary of a possible attack.



What it means: This is a male behavior and is directed toward other males in a very aggressive interaction. It is also a courtship behavior in a greeting ceremony.



Head-pumping – The head is rapidly lowered and raised.



Head-forward attack – A goose has its neck forward and the head is low. A goose will run at another goose.



What it means: This is done in a conflict situation. A goose will often head-pump and then attack.

What it means: This behavior will be used to attack another goose.



Female



Male



The male may look slightly larger than the female. A male's neck is quite a bit thicker than the female.

Give yourself one point if you saw a goose nest. Give yourself one point if you saw a flock of migrating geese. Give yourself one point if you saw a geese family with goslings. Give yourself one point if you can tell a male from a female. Give yourself one point for every goose behavior you see.

Total possible points: 8

Total points for you: _____