

## **2025 Canada Goose Nest/Egg Destruction Report**

David Rago - May 8, 2025

This year, I worked with Patrick Crunk in collecting eggs and destroying nests. Between us, we went out on the lake a total of 7 times and set foot on every island on the lake. We also walked all the association property during the goose egg season April 8th- May 8<sup>th</sup>, as well as a private lot whose owner had given us permission.

### **Total for the season - 48 Eggs**

#### **Results**

##### **4-4-2025**

Patrick Crunk & David Rago took kayaks on the lake and visited 6 islands. 13 eggs were found in two nests (1 nest each on Kerry Island (6 eggs), South Blarney Island (7 eggs)). These eggs were frozen and disposed of according to DNR guidelines and the nests destroyed.

##### **4-6-2025**

Patrick Crunk & David Rago visited 3 islands in the southern part of the lake. 14 eggs were found in two nests (1 nest each on Gaelic Island (7 eggs), and Leprechaun Island (7 eggs)).

##### **4-12-2025**

David Rago visited all 9 islands as well as Christine Park. No goose nests were discovered, although there were two duck nests which were left alone.

##### **4-17-2025**

Patrick Crunk & David Rago visited the south end of the lake. A single nest (6 eggs) was discovered on Leprechaun Island.

##### **4-27-2025**

Patrick Crunk visited all islands and discovered three nests. One nest on Gaelic Island (6 eggs) and one nest (6 eggs) on Leprechaun Island. He also discovered a nest on South Blarney Island with 3 cold eggs. Per DNR protocol, the nest was left alone, awaiting the completion of laying.

Patrick also observed a small family (perhaps 4 goslings) on John Forsmark's property.

### **5-3-2025**

Patrick Crunk found the nest on South Blarney unchanged, so he collected the 3 still cold eggs.

### **5-8-2025**

David Rago visited all nine islands. There was 1 nest on Dublin Island that had been raided by a critter. Only 2 intact eggs remained.

### **Summary**

This year's results (50 eggs) are quite a bit larger than last year's (22 eggs) and similar to 2023 (61 eggs). Again, all eggs were found on islands. Again, Leprechaun Island accounts for more than a third of all eggs found (38%).

Once again, we have observed no evidence of hatched eggs on any properties that we have examined.

Several people have commented to me that there are fewer geese on our lake this year. I think collection efforts are reducing the number of geese that choose to nest on our lake. When Canada Goose nests fail (as in when all their eggs are removed, too late in the season for another clutch), they often abandon the nest and move to a different lake.

We are allowed to harass geese on the lake and a green laser is what is recommended by the DNR. These are available on Amazon for about \$25.

Attached is the report that has been filed with the Michigan DNR.

Let me know if you have any questions.

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