

Nat Theo Club

FIELD NOTES

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Canadian Goose

WATERFOWL

HABITAT

Canadian geese live throughout most of North America. Many geese spend their summers in Canada and their winters in the United States.

FUN FACT

Canadian geese migrate when the weather turns cold. They travel in a V shape. They take turns being the front of the formation since that spot is the most tiring.



HAVE YOU SEEN BABY CHICKS?

While visiting a park, my boys and I came across a mother Canadian goose crossing a road with her many goslings (or chicks). These fluffy little babies were yellow and covered with soft downy feathers. The goslings did not walk very fast, and the mother walked slowly to lead them to a nearby pond. There were many parked cars, people on bikes, and pedestrians walking around the park, so she was alerted to the many dangers.

We walked up to view this sweet parade of birds which alarmed the mother goose. She responded by turning and running at us while hissing. She was not happy that we were so close to her chicks. I picked up my boys and we stepped further away giving her the space she needed.

This mother thought that we were a danger to her vulnerable goslings and responded strongly. I think she would have bit us if we hadn't moved. She was desperate to protect her young and to keep all dangers away from them. God designed mothers with instincts to help keep their babies safe.

Though this incident was a little scary, I understood her desire to protect and care for her young even if that meant putting herself in danger.

Did you know that the Lord fights for you? In Exodus 14:14 it says "The Lord fights for you, you need only to be still." There are times when danger will come and we may not know how to protect ourselves. God says that He will fight for us. In fact, He has a heavenly host of angels that He can send to rescue you!

We also have been tasked to care for the weak in our community by "defend (ing) the rights of the poor and needy" (Proverbs 31:9). When you see injustice, you can speak against it and defend a friend.