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JB COMMENTS

Due to the actions of animal activists in concert with governmental agencies, the Canada geese populations have become an excessive burden in many public areas of the United States. Of most concern are park and golf course areas with ponds or similar bodies of water that attract these birds. The result is many acres of quality park land that are completely denuded of vegetation, including turfgrasses and are now covered with a sloppy residue of bird excrement. These areas have become totally unusable for human esthetics and recreational activities, and now present odor and health problems.

Governmental authorities in some states are finally becoming aware of the problem and are meeting in an attempt to develop a solution. Whatever is done, they will be subject to an intolerant advisory position from the animal activists.

In the meantime, a new natural organic material is being shown to have the potential to discourage the activities of Canada geese. It is found in the juice of the concord grape which is sprayed over the turf area. Once exposed to its irritant properties evidently the geese imprint the location where this occurred and do not return. While the tests are still limited, the findings to date are promising.

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