**MUTE SWANS**
**A PROBLEM IN INDIANA**

**Why Mute Swans are a problem**
- **Dangerous and aggressive**—known to attack people and pets
- **They remove native plants** that help keep our lakes clean.
- **Make boating, fishing and swimming** less fun due to safety concerns for adults, children and pets
- **Kill ducklings** and compete for nesting sites

**Reproduction**
- Breed by third year of age
- **AVERAGE 6.5 EGGS/YEAR** (March-April)

**Population in Indiana**
- **SPRING 2012**
  - 1,200-1,300 adult feral mute swans
  - 2,300 total mute swans
- **SUMMER 2012**
  - 2,300 total mute swans

Within 5 YEARS two mates will produce **30 OFFSPRING**
These 30 will produce up to **450 OFFSPRING** in 5 years.
Each swan can live up to 30 YEARS.

**What can you do to help?**
- **Report problems** with mute swans to your Lake Association.
- **Support control efforts** by your lake association and DNR.

**DON’T BE MISLED BY THEIR BEAUTY**
they are **BAD** for us, water quality and wildlife.

**PLEASE DO NOT FEED THE MUTE SWANS**
They may attack you.

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