

# MUTE SWANS

## A PROBLEM IN INDIANA

### This species is...



**INVASIVE**  
comparable to zebra mussels,  
purple loosestrife & Asian carp

### 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



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?



**PLEASE**  
**DO NOT**  
**FEED THE**  
**MUTE SWANS**

**THEY MAY ATTACK YOU.**

**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.