

CANADA GEESE AND GREAT CORMORANTS AS A THREAT FOR AVIATION IN THE EASTERN BALTIC AREA

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ABSTRACT

There are not yet fortunately strikes with Canada geese (*Branta canadensis*) and Great Cormorants (*Phalacrocorax carbo*) in the Eastern Baltic area as far as we know. But increasing populations of this species will become a real threat in 5-10 years near coastal aerodromes, because breeding range of these species has expanded very quickly to the East.

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- The British Canada Geese numbers increases are being
- There have been reports of Canada Geese in an airfield situation
- Canada Geese are a potential hazard to public health
- Canada Geese are a significant 'on airfield' problem immediately adjacent to an airfield are likely to be a problem
- Because Canada Geese are a pest to birds. There may be a need to close the airfield to reduce the risk
- Available control measures are limited
- Few data are available on the culling of Canada Geese and they are also poorly understood
- The development of a management plan should be the first objective. The first objective should be the development of strategies that manage the risk
- Expert advice should be sought and developed for a