

HIDDEN LAKE WILDLIFE

What's in, on, and around our lake?



**Protect Our Aquatic Life!
Keep Our Lake Healthy!
And Our Wildlife Happy!**



Turtles are caretakers whose only goal is to maintain the health and aesthetics of the aquatic ecosystem. This is because turtles, especially snapping turtles, are the creatures in water that can be considered the best at cleaning the water: They remove dead and decaying bodies of fish, frogs, and other creatures from the lake. They also spread seeds that grow into plants that support fish nurseries and wetland ecosystems.

Did you know? Beavers eat both lily pads and phragmites? This helps to control weeds in our lake.

Beavers and beaver ponds affect biodiversity by increasing habitat for numerous birds, amphibian, mammal, and fish species. Compared to ponds without beavers, beaver wetlands create habitat for a significantly larger array of biodiversity. Beavers are known as ecosystem engineers because they create. . . and maintain habitat and ecosystems, and they consequently have a large impact on the biodiversity of an area.

Beavers are easily deterred from harming a tree by a simple wrapping with wire that costs less than \$5 and takes less than 5 minutes.



If you need help wrapping trees, or if you are interested in more information, contact Keha Esposito at kwind159@yahoo.com



Canada geese provide ecological benefits that aid in the survival of other plants and animals. Also, goose feces, in moderation, can contribute to soil fertility by adding nutrients.

Federal law protects Canada geese. It is illegal to harm geese, their eggs, or their nests in the United States without permission from the U.S. Fish and Wild Service (USFWS).

Did you know?
Mated geese can be together as long as 20 years!!

Butterflies act as a pollinator and as a food source for other species, acting as an important connector in a thriving ecosystem web. Areas rich in butterflies and moths are rich in other invertebrates.



If you would like more information about how to attract monarch butterflies to your garden visit <https://askabiologist.asu.edu>

CITATIONS

- Naturemappingfoundation.org
- HumaneSociety.org
- TurtleGuardians.com
- Onegreenplanet.org
- SierraWildlife.org
- KingCounty.org

