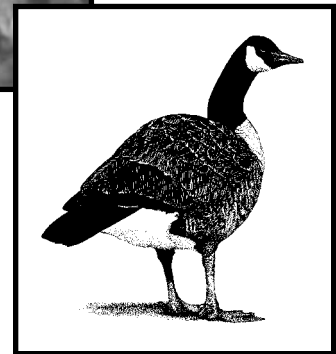


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# MECHANICAL SCARE DEVICES (HAZING)



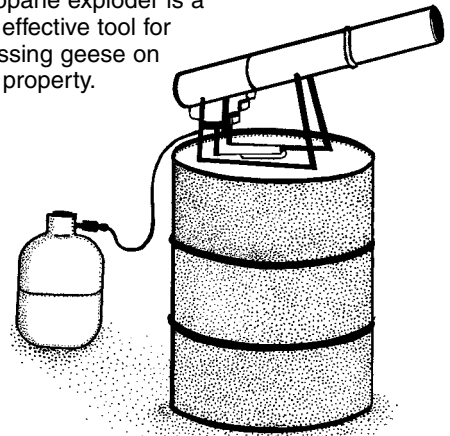
## USING NOISE TO YOUR ADVANTAGE

Birds react to unfamiliar sounds. Almost any loud, foreign sound will startle, and repel geese and other waterfowl. Birds do learn to ignore sounds that have proven harmless, especially if they are used often and for long periods of time. Prior to initiating a harassment program in urban areas, consult state, county and local authorities regarding noise ordinances.

In addition to products specifically designed to scare birds, many ordinary appliances found around the home can be used. Mechanical scare devices include, but are not limited to:

- leaf blowers
- electronic alarms
- air horns
- sirens
- alarm or distress calls

A propane exploder is a very effective tool for harassing geese on your property.




## Mechanical Scare Devices

### PROPER PREPARATION AND DIVERSITY ARE THE KEYS TO SUCCESS

The keys to successful bird harassment are timing, persistence, organization, and diversity. Geese and other waterfowl are much more likely to leave an area that they have occupied briefly, than one which they have become fully accustomed. It is imperative to begin scare tactics as soon as **the geese arrive on your property in February and March**. Once geese have started actively nesting almost nothing will work to drive them off your property.

Proper organization is also important when starting a frightening program. The more diverse the techniques used, and the more easily the operation can be changed, the more effective it will be. Once initiated, the program must be persistently applied as necessary each day, until success is achieved.

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### USE THAT YANKEE INGENUITY

- ☛ Don't be afraid to experiment with different types of noise-makers
- ☛ Sirens wired to movement-sensing devices are effective for harassing geese as soon as they arrive
- ☛ Most importantly, BE PERSISTENT!!!

