

# Conservation

## Fun Outdoors!

Similar to bird watching, bat watching is a favorite thing to do in the late summer and early fall. Pick a dry evening and sit outdoors around a garden or streetlight. It's never long before bats come out and start circling, swooping and diving to catch insects. Bats are not just cave dwellers or in the country; they live in cities and suburbs, too.

## for Kids!

### Word Search: Archery Terms

## Hunting Tip

Youth hunters have a chance to get into the woods earlier than other deer gun season hunters. Take advantage of the special youth hunting season for anyone 17 or younger from Oct. 20-22, 2023. The bag limit is two deer, only one of which can be antlered. All youth hunters must be accompanied by an adult 18 or older.

## Fishing Tip

Fishing success in fall can depend on water temperature throughout the day. They aren't biting much from sunup into early morning because the water is cool. The bite is better from late morning into early afternoon as the sun warms shallow waters. Fall afternoons and early evenings are considered some of the best fishing times of the year. The sun is overhead for several hours, and the water gets warmer near the surface.

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Find and circle these words that are commonly heard in the archery community.

Longbow  
Compound  
Broadhead  
Grip

Nock  
Arrow  
Bullseye  
Recurve

Draw  
Shaft  
Fletching  
Quiver

## COOL FACTS About the Canada Goose:

- They mate for life, which is from 10 to 25 years. If a partner dies, the remaining bird will try to find a new mate.
- The giant Canada geese are the largest geese in the world. Adults weigh 5 to 14 pounds, with some weighing up to 20 pounds.
- They molt their feathers once a year, usually in summer. For this six-week period, they are unable to fly.
- They eat aquatic plants, grass, small aquatic animals, and grains.
- Canada geese migrate in large flocks flying in a V-formation. They fly south for winter and north for summer.
- There are seven subspecies of Canada geese, including the giant and the lesser.



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- The female is called a goose and the male is a gander. The young are called goslings.
- The giant Canada goose subspecies was believed to be extinct in the 1950s. In 1962, a small flock was discovered wintering in Minnesota.
- Hunters took about 35,000 Canada geese in Oklahoma during 2020-21, and 1.7 million across the U.S.
- Canada geese have established breeding colonies in urban and cultivated habitats, which provide food and few natural predators.



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## Color a Critter: Canada Goose

