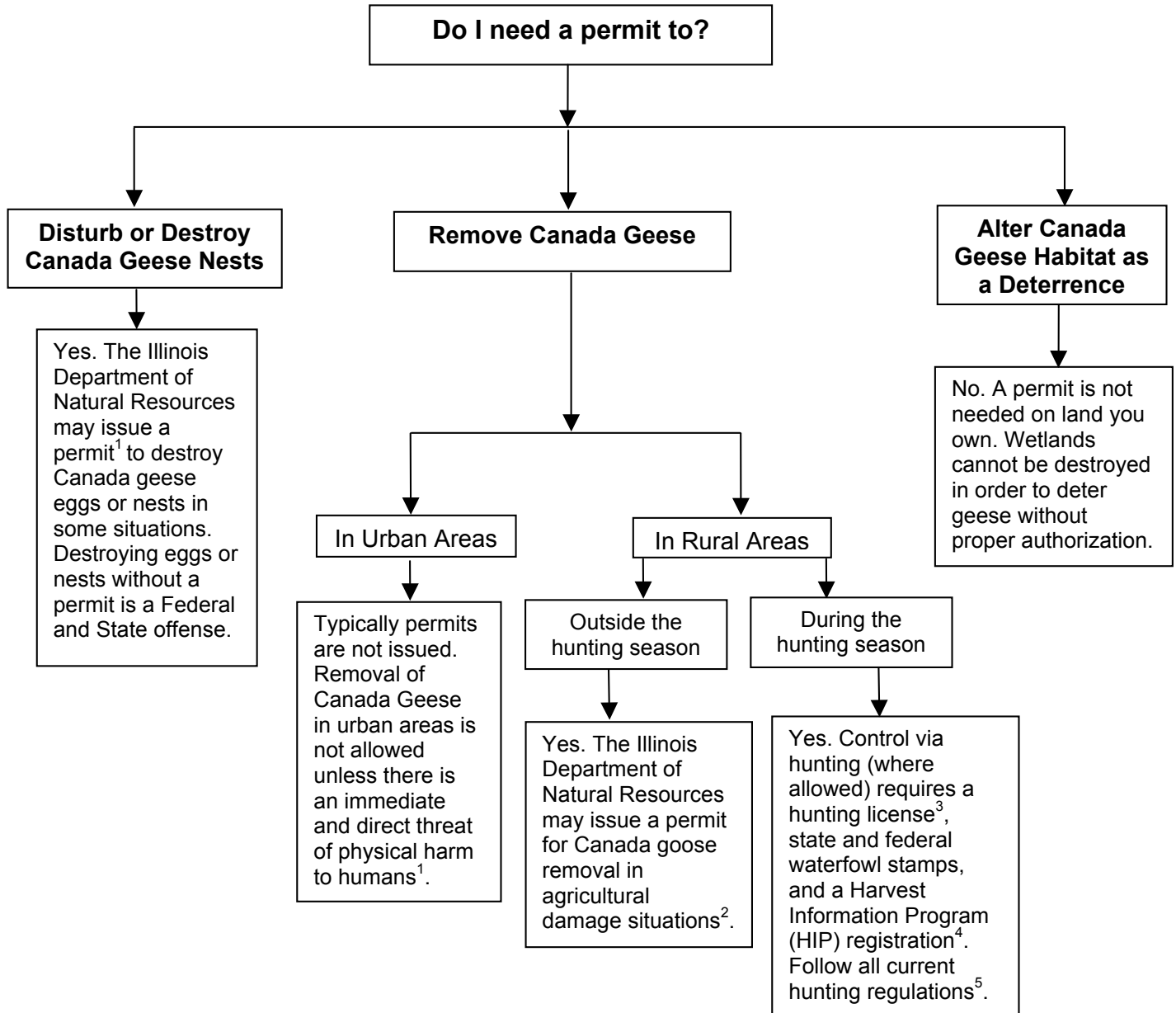


Controlling Nuisance Canada Geese in Illinois

The Migratory Bird Treaty Act (MBTA) provides federal legal protection for birds with the exception of birds not native to North America and resident game birds. Some examples include the pigeon (*Columba livia*), European starling (*Sturnus vulgaris*), house sparrow (*Passer domesticus*), and wild turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*). Protection under this act extends to bird feathers and other body parts, eggs and nests. Most birds are also protected by Illinois laws. In order to legally remove most bird species, or nests with eggs or young, you will need to obtain federal and/or state permits. Endangered or threatened species may not be removed. Non-lethal control such as repellents and frightening devices should be tried before a permit for removal will be issued. The Directory of Illinois Wildlife provides information on how to prevent and solve problems with Canada Geese.



¹ For more information about Canada Geese removal permits contact: Roy Domazlicky, Urban Waterfowl Project Manager, Illinois Department of Natural Resources, phone: (847) 608-3100, Ext. 32031

² Contact an Illinois Department of Natural Resources District Wildlife Biologist in agricultural damage situations <http://livingwithwildlife.extension.uiuc.edu/professionals.cfm>

³ For a hunting license go to: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/LPR/Pages/default.aspx> or call 1-800-705-4164

⁴ To register with the Harvest Information Program (HIP) go to: call 1-888-673-7648 and ask for the 901 HIP Certification or go to: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/Pages/HarvestInformationProgram.aspx>

⁵ For the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Waterfowl Digest go to: <http://www.dnr.illinois.gov/hunting/waterfowl/Pages/default.aspx>