

## **A project on a recently increasing population of geese nesting on Bylot Island**

Easily mistaken for a Canada goose, the Cackling goose would be its closest relative. Similar in colors (see the drawings below), the Cackling goose differs by its smaller size, a different breeding habitat as well as different migration routes. A first breeding Cackling goose has been seen on Bylot Island in 1996 and since then, the population seen annually on breeding grounds did not stop increasing.

Where do they come from?

From which population are they?

What migration routes do they use?

To clarify these questions and establish their current and future population trends, we need to gather information about them. This is why we initiate a project to track and monitor the Cackling geese population on Bylot Island. In 2019, more than 70 nests have been found and 10 females have been marked.

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Canada Goose

*Branta canadensis*

**Length**

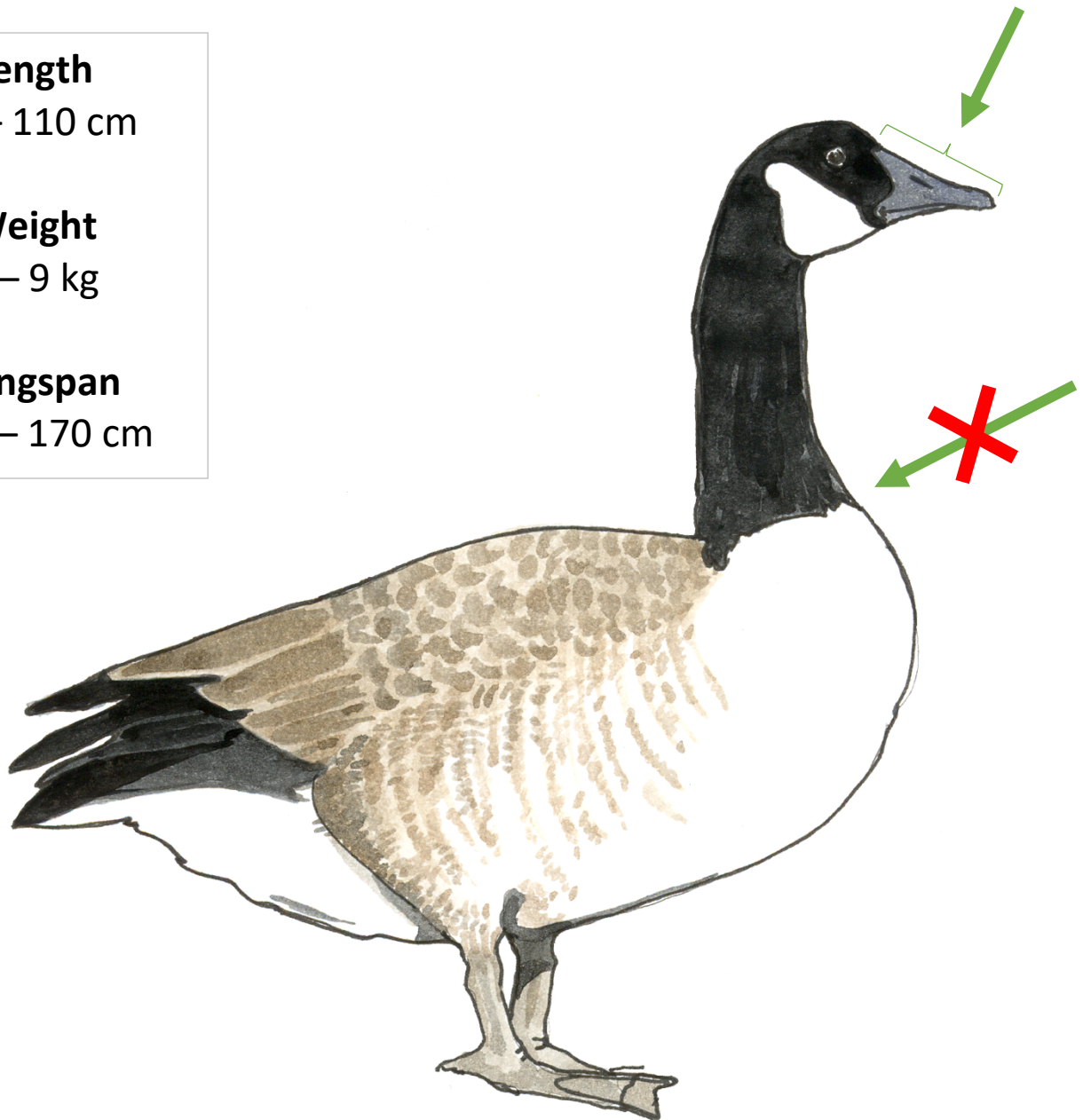
76 – 110 cm

**Weight**

3 – 9 kg

**Wingspan**

127 – 170 cm



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## Cackling Goose

*Branta hutchinsii*

### Length

55 – 75 cm

### Weight

0,9 – 3 kg

### Wingspan

± 110 cm

- Less bulky
- Usually with a small white collar
- 2/3 of the size of the Canada Goose
- Slightly darker

