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Canada Geese Spend Summer
On Delaware Wild Life Refuge

Canada geese ordinarily spend the summer months in the northern breeding grounds, but 37 of these birds this year decided that Delaware was far enough north for them, whereupon they settled on the Biological Survey's Bombay Hook Migratory Waterfowl Refuge, near Smyrna, Del. Reports to Secretary of the Interior Harold L. Ickes indicate that the birds are making good use of the refuge.

Some of the geese go on the large dirt dikes to obtain grit and gravel needed for food digestion. This is the first time in the memory of the oldest inhabitants that a flock of geese has remained in the Delaware area during the summer months.