

## **The Snow Goose - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired**

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The greater snow goose is one of three kinds of white goose in North America, and is distinguished by its 1 and 1.5 metre wingspan and black wingtips.

*[Snow geese flying and landing on water]*

Their narrow, high bill has serrated edges, which enables them to feed on the roots of plants.

*[Snow goose feeding on the ground]*

In their remote arctic breeding grounds, the nest is protected during the incubation period by the gander. The goslings hatch in mid-July, and have until early September to prepare for their long southern migration.

*[Snow goose family swimming together]*

In 1900, there were only an estimated 3,000 birds, but today as a result of careful wildlife management, their numbers exceed 200,000.

For more information on the greater snow goose, please contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.