



DO NOT FEED NĒNĒ

People food is not nēnē food

Just like people, nēnē have specific nutritional requirements. Feeding out foods like bread, or popcorn does not supply proper nutrition. This can lead to malnourishment, health problems and reduced survival.

Feeding alters their natural behaviors

Nēnē become accustomed to being fed and may lose foraging skills they need in other wild areas. Any nēnē that is begging for food has already been influenced by humans, and we need you to do your part to put a stop to it.

It puts them at risk

When fed animals gather closer to development, they lose their natural fear of people. This increases a nēnē's chance of getting struck by vehicles, entangled in litter, or being attacked by predators such as dogs and cats.

Crowds can be dangerous

In areas where they are being fed, nēnē will gather in groups that are unnaturally large. Nēnē are not typically aggressive towards one another, but overcrowding in these areas can result in fights and illness.

It's a crime

Nēnē are protected by both Federal and State laws. It is a crime to interfere with their natural behavior, which includes giving them food and water.

*A message from The State Department of Land and Natural
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