

**Egg Treatment Techniques:**

\*All treated eggs should be marked with a pencil or permanent marker and returned to the nest. This will help keep track of which eggs have been treated and which have not.

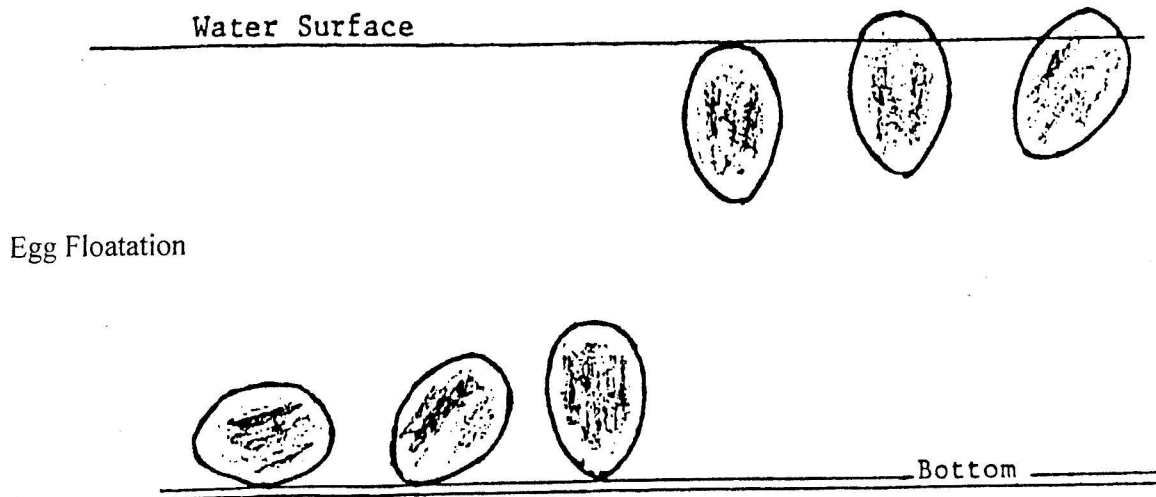
1. **Oiling** - First mark the egg with a pencil or permanent marker. Then add a few drops of **corn** oil to the surface of the egg and then use a cloth or your fingers to coat the entire surface of the egg with the oil. The egg should then be returned to the nest.

2. **Shaking** - Remove each egg from the nest and shake vigorously for 2 minutes. This is not recommended for large numbers of eggs. Mark and return each treated egg to the nest.

3. **Cooling** - Remove eggs from the nest and carefully place them in a freezer for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Freezing the eggs is undesirable as it will cause them to crack. After the egg is chilled, remove the egg from the freezer, mark it and return it to the nest.

4. **Puncturing** - Insert the sharp point of a large safety pin or a poultry skewer into the pointed end of the egg and stir vigorously in a circular motion to break the yolk, being careful not to break the egg. Mark the egg and return to the nest.

**Figure 1. Determining Floatation Stages of Canada Goose Eggs**



Floatation Stage	1	2	3	4	5	6
Approximate embryo age in days	0-3	4-8	9-13	14-18	19-23	24-27
Waiting period (days) before removing eggs	20	15	10	5	0	0