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School hopes fake gators will scare away ducks, geese

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HUNTSVILLE, Ala. -- Alligator heads are popping up in the pond at the University of Alabama at Huntsville, but don't worry. Officials say it's just ducky.

Two life-size, urethane-foam alligator heads were put in the pond Wednesday to scare away ducks and geese so the growing bird population will not become a health hazard.

The "Gator Guard" from Bird-X Inc. costs \$69 and has reflective orange-yellow eyes that resemble one of the birds' natural predators.

Marcia Green, director of the school's office of environmental health and safety said they have been effective at other schools and on golf courses.

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Coverage for Mike, Carol, BOBBY, Peter, Greg, Cindy, Jan and Marcia, Marcia, Marcia

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When Peter's volcano erupted, Carol knew she was covered

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