

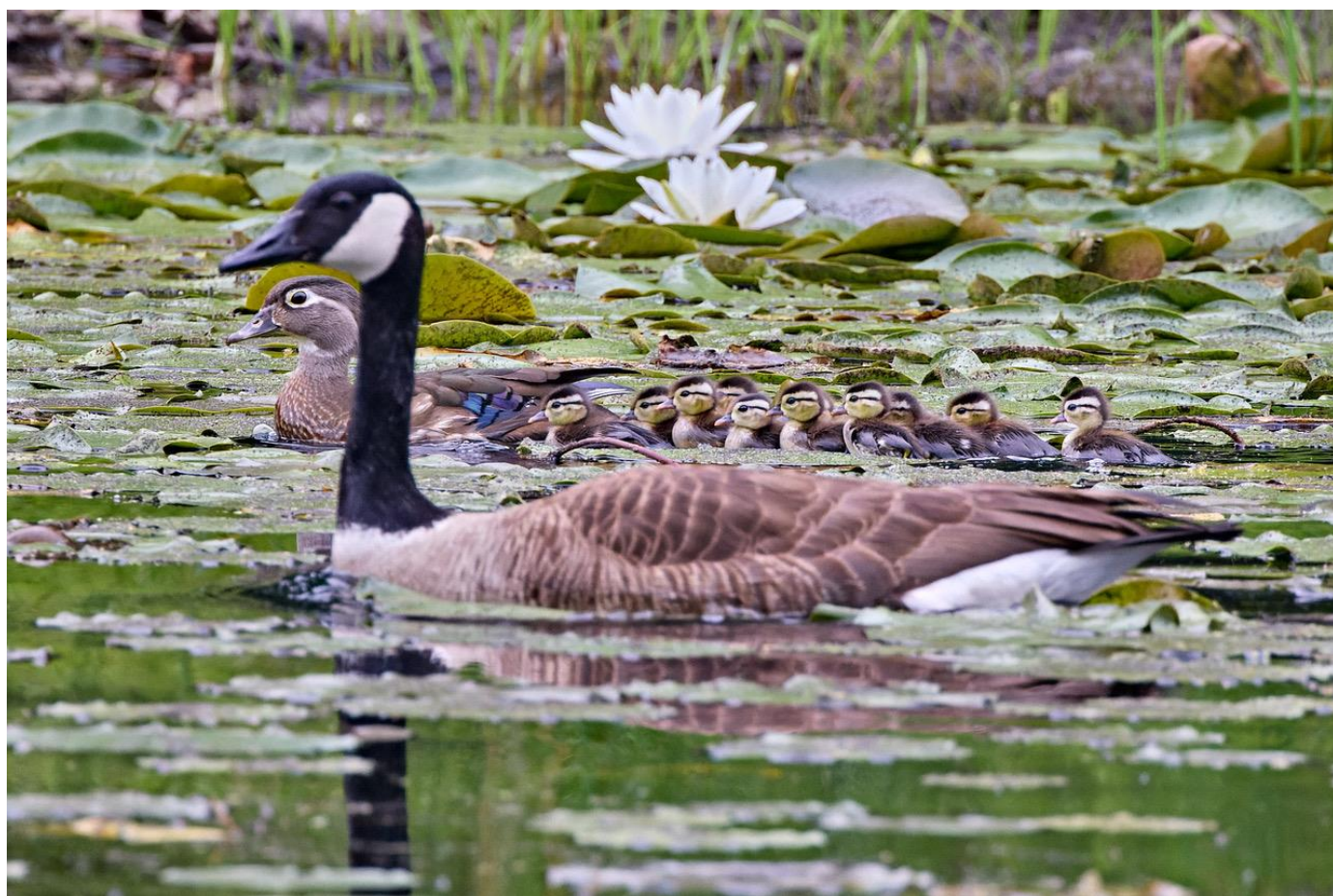
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The pictures in this issue are by Ric Cohn.

Male Wood Ducks are, of course, colorful and striking. However, I find the females charming and the ducklings adorable. At Garret Mountain this year, we again had a female with a large number of chicks. Not sure that it is the same female, but I think it likely. There were several males and females early in the spring, but only this one mom stuck around. This year she appeared with 12 ducklings in tow. If you don't know how the ducklings get from their nest to the water, be sure to watch "[wood duck ducklings leaving the nest.](#)"



On June 14, mom appeared with 12 ducklings. The Canada Goose gives perspective, showing Wood Ducks to be one of the smaller ducks.



By July 12, the ducklings have grown quite a bit. Unfortunately, they are now down to 10. As this Canada Goose swam by, mom hissed protectively and watched carefully. I don't know if she is accusing the geese of killing her babies or just being territorial.

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