

## Turkeys!

Did you know that wild turkeys are the largest game birds found in North America? It's true! Wild turkeys live in the woods and are covered with dark feathers so they are not seen easily. They spend their days looking for food such as acorns, seeds, small insects and wild berries. Wild turkeys can fly!

The female wild turkey can lay over a dozen eggs, which are a tan and speckled brown color. After a month or so, the eggs hatch and the babies stay with the mother for around one year.

Most domestic turkeys have white feathers, but there are other

varieties that are brown or light bronze. They have a flap of skin under their beak that is known as a wattle, and the flap of skin that hangs over the beak is called a snood. When the turkey is upset, they both turn bright red. A domestic turkey's size is almost twice as large as a wild turkey. They are so heavy that they can't fly. These turkeys live on a farm and have a lifespan of about ten years.

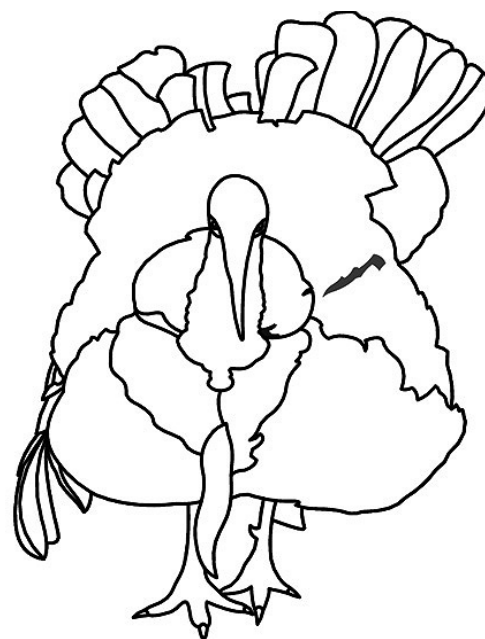
Domestic turkeys are raised on the farm for food. American's like to eat turkey for special occasions such as



Thanksgiving and Christmas.

### Did You Know?

- A male turkey is called a Tom or Gobbler
- A female turkey is called a hen.
- A baby turkey is called a Poult.
- Turkeys grunt and make a gobble, gobble sound.
- Males can puff up their bodies and spread their tail feathers just like a peacock.
- Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey our national bird of the United States - not the bald eagle.



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