Head and Neck can change colors when they get excited.

Wild Turkeys' Ears are holes behind the eye.

There are usually 18 Tail Feathers.

Tail Coverts

Back and Body Feathers rise up when a tom is strutting.

Primary Wing Feathers enable a turkey to fly up to 45-60 mph for a short distance.

Snoods are large and prominent of a mature gobbler.

The fleshy growth called Caruncles engorge with blood during mating season.

Breast Feathers are very black.

Beards get longer and thicker with age.

There are four toes on a Foot, with three facing forward and one facing backward.

Spurs grow as the male turkey gets older.

Wild Turkey Vocabulary

1. Juvenile male turkeys are called ___________ while juvenile female turkeys are called ___________.
2. The adult male turkey is called a ___________.
3. The adult female turkey is called a ___________.
4. Baby turkeys are called ___________ and are tan and brown.
5. The long, red, fleshy area that grows from the forehead over the bill is called a ___________.
6. The fleshy growth under a turkey's throat is called a ___________.
7. ___________ are red-pink fleshy growths on the head and upper neck of the turkey.
8. Wild Turkeys are related to ___________.
9. Approximately ___________ million pounds of turkey were consumed in the United States during Thanksgiving in 2001.
10. The heaviest turkey ever raised was ___________ pounds.
11. Wild Turkeys lived almost ___________ million years ago.
12. Wild Turkeys will have ___________ feathers at maturity.

Word List

Poults
Tom or Gobbler
86
Caruncles
Wattle
Snood
Jennys
Jakes
3,500
Pheasants
690
Hen
10

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