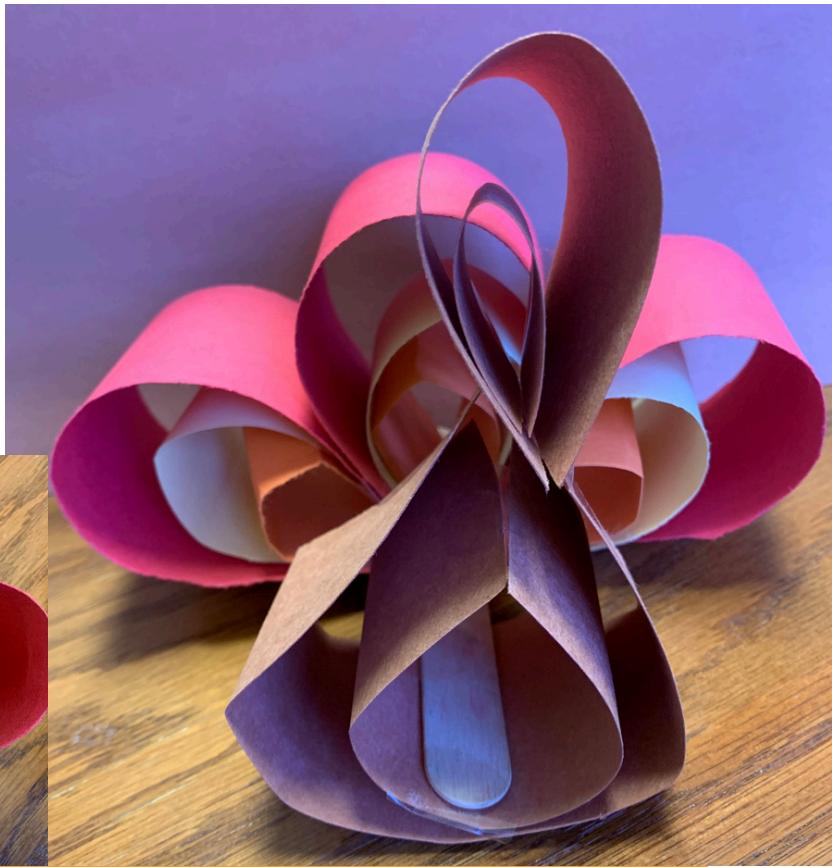




A stylized illustration of a wild turkey in the foreground, facing right, with its characteristic 'beard' and 'spur' visible. The turkey is surrounded by a variety of autumn leaves in shades of yellow, orange, and red, some with gold centers. The background is a light cream color.

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Turkey Kit



Turkey Craft

START WITH THE TAIL "FEATHERS" WHICH INCLUDE 3 RED PIECES OF PAPER, 3 YELLOW PIECES OF PAPER, 3 ORANGE PIECES OF PAPER. TAPE THE ENDS OF EACH SHUT TO FORM A TEAR DROP SHAPE.

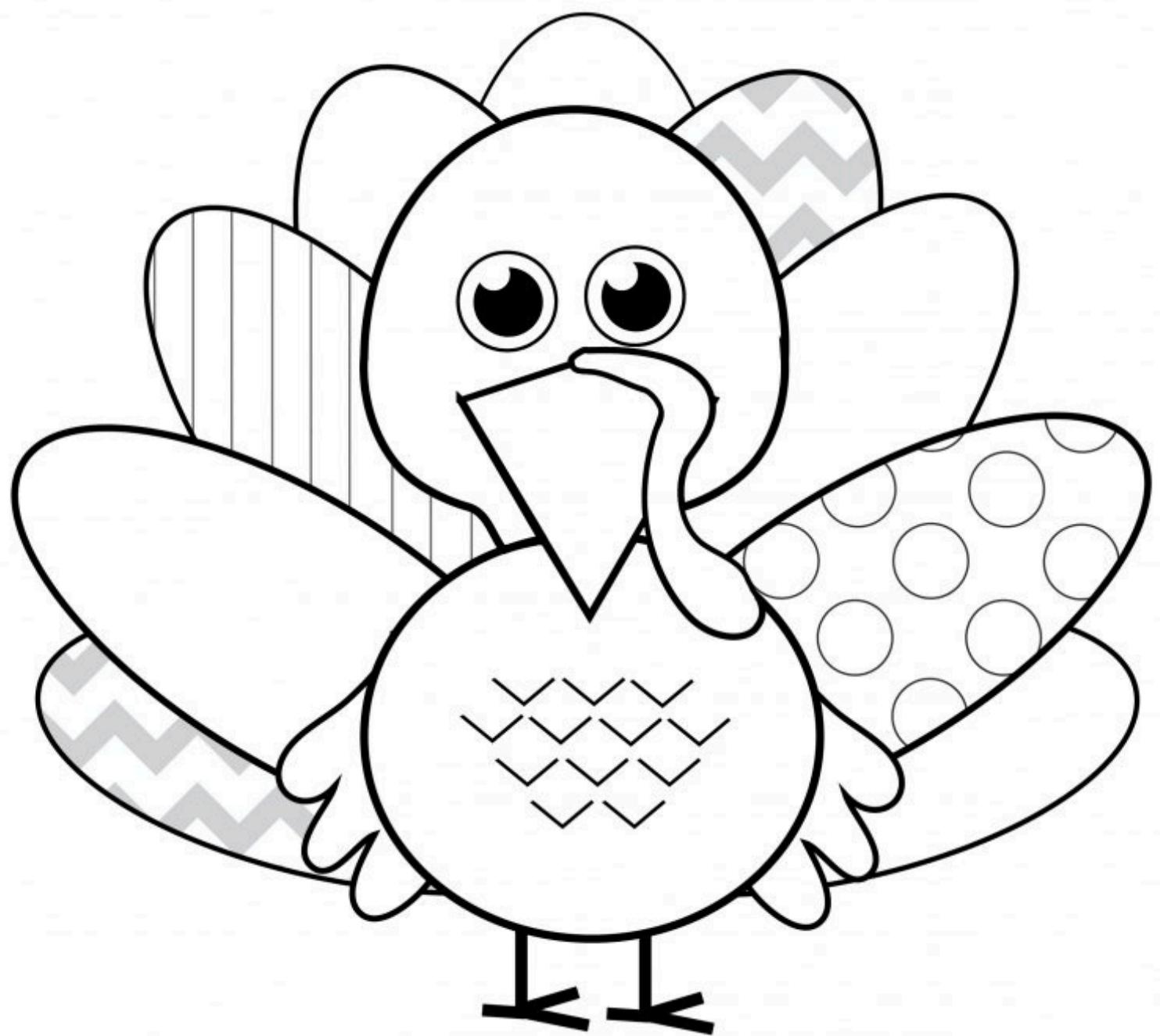


THEN NEST ONE YELLOW INSIDE ONE RED, ONE ORANGE INSIDE ONE YELLOW/RED COMBINATION. TAPE TO HOLD THEM IN PLACE. THIS SHOULD CREATE 3 INDIVIDUAL TEAR DROP FEATHERS. THEN TAPE ALL THREE TOGETHER.

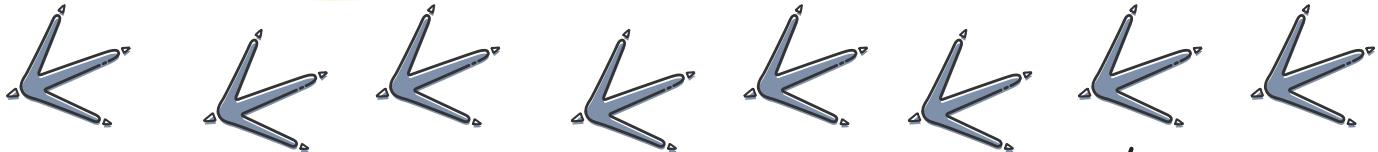
FOR THE TURKEY TAKE THE PIECE OF BROWN PAPER AND TAPE THEM TOGETHER THE SAME WAY AS THE FEATHERS INTO A DROP FORMATION. NEST AND TAPE TOGETHER THE TWO BIGGEST DROPS, AND THE TWO SMALLEST DROPS. THEN TAPE TOGETHER POINT TO POINT.

FINAL STEP, TAPE A POPSICLE STICK TO THE INSIDE LOOP OF THE BIGGEST DROP. THEN BEHIND TAPE THE TAIL FEATHERS TO THE TOP OF THE POPSICLE STICK.

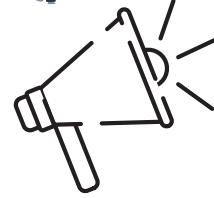




Turkey Activities



**LOG ON TO THE NATIONAL
TURKEY FEDERATION
WEBSITE HERE:  [HTTPS://WWW.NWTF.ORG/HUNT/WILD-TURKEY-BASICS/TURKEY-SOUNDS](https://www.nwtf.org/hunt/wild-turkey-basics/turkey-sounds)**
**LISTEN TO DIFFERENT
SOUNDS TURKEYS MAKE.**



Try playing the sounds and doing what a turkey would do if they heard that sound.

Can you be a Turkey?

Try to find turkey food like a turkey. That means only using your feet because turkeys don't have hands!

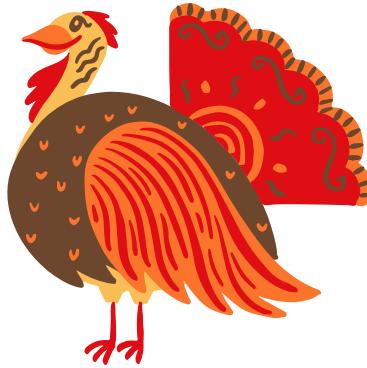
Tom Turkeys, which are the boys, like to STRUT, which mean they walk around dramatically standing up straight, puffing out their feathers and holding out their wings. Can you strut like a turkey?

Turkeys roost, (sleep) in trees. Can you find any trees that might be a good roosting spot for a turkey?

Turkeys can fly 55mph, which means they can almost fly a mile a minute. They also run 25mph which is like 2.5 minutes per mile. Have a grown up time you and see how far you can run in a minute. Did you make it a whole mile?

The fastest mile ever run by a person was 3 minutes and 41 seconds.

After singing our song, you might figure out why turkeys roost in trees. It is to hide from predators! (Things that want to eat turkeys!) Play a game of hide and seek outside, and see if you can hide from someone who is it. Just like a turkey hiding from a predator.



Five Wild Turkeys

(ADAPTATION OF FIVE FAT TURKEYS ARE WE)

5 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E
WHEN THE HUNTER CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE ARE HERE YOU SEE!

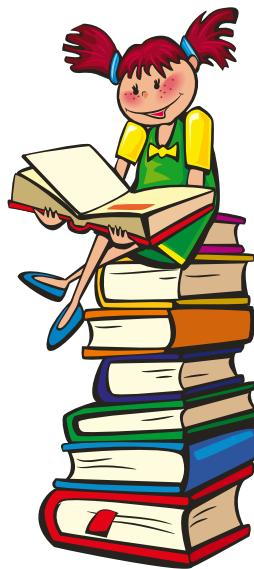
4 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE COYOTE CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!

3 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE GREAT HORNED OWL CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!

2 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE BOBCAT CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!

1 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE EAGLE CAME AROUND,
ONE COULDN'T BE FOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!

5 WILD TURKEYS ARE WE-E
WE SLEPT ALL NIGHT IN A TREE-E.
WHEN THE PREDATORS CAME AROUND,
WE DIDN'T MAKE A SOUND.
THAT'S WHY WE'RE HERE YOU SEE!



Suggested Reading

Little Tom Turkey
Francis Bloxam

All About Turkeys
Jim Arnosky

Turkey Hunting for Kids
Tyler Omoth

Wild Turkeys
Dorothy Hinshaw

Turkeys

Average life span is 3-4 years



Eat seeds, grubs, and worms often found scratching under leaves.

GALLIFORMS

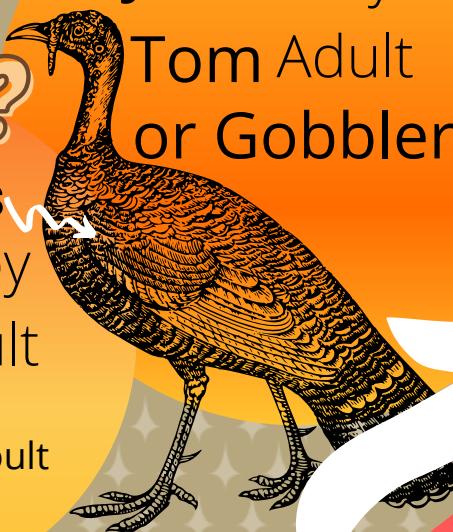
"Chicken-Like Birds"

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Tail
Feathers

WHAT'S IN A NAME?

Boy Turkeys
Jake Baby
Tom Adult
or Gobbler



Girl Turkeys
Jenny Baby
Hen Adult

Baby Turkey
Poult

They have 4 toes
3 facing forward,
1 facing back

5,500 feathers

25 mph Running

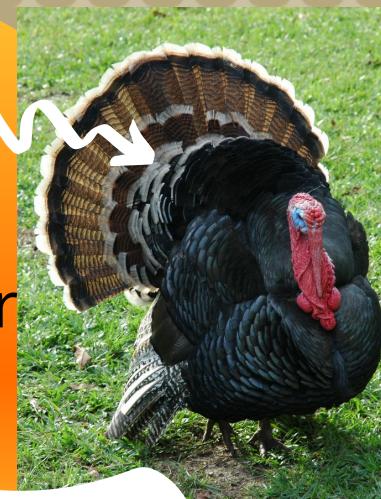
55 mph Flying

6 subspecies
Eastern
Osceola (Florida)

Rio Grande
Merriam's
Gould's
Occelated



Occelated occur only in a small area in Mexico, Guatemala, and Belize.



Turkey
Talk
Purr Happy
Putt Danger!
Gobble Stay Away!!
Yelp Assemble!



(Male) (Female)
Toms and Hens have different kinds of poop!

Hens lay
10-14 eggs

Weight:

5-
20lbs

Or 2 liter of
pop to
3 gallons of
milk!



A Roost is where they sleep
Turkey Roost