

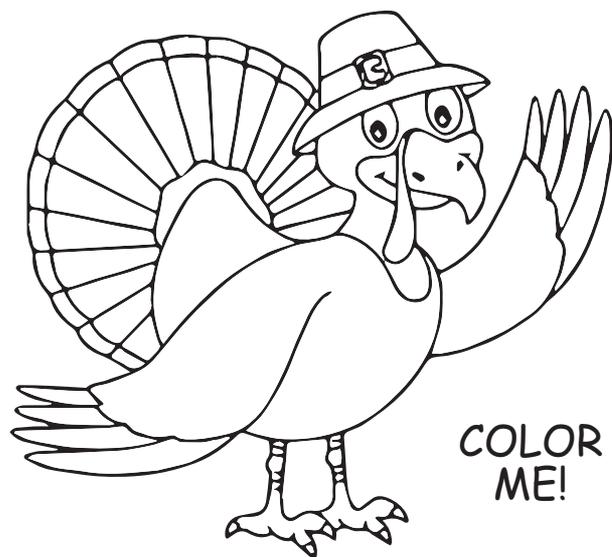
## Turkeys!!

Wild turkeys are the largest game birds found in North America. They live in the woods and are covered with dark feathers so they are not seen easily. Their feathers work as their camouflage! Wild turkeys spend their days looking for food. They eat acorns, seeds, small insects and wild berries. Did you know that they can fly? President Benjamin Franklin wanted to make the wild turkey the National Bird of the United States - not the Bald Eagle!

The female wild turkey can lay over a dozen tan and speckled brown eggs. After about a month, the chicks hatch and stay with their mom for about one year.

Domestic turkeys are raised for food. They descend from the wild turkey. It is one of the most famous birds in North America! Americans like to eat turkeys for special occasions and holidays. Can you guess which ones they are? Thanksgiving of course, as well as Christmas and Easter.

Most domestic turkeys have white feathers, but there are brown or light bronze feathered varieties too. They have a flap of skin under their beak that is known as a wattle. The flap of skin that hangs over the beak is called a snood. They both turn bright red when the turkey is upset.



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Domestic turkeys are almost twice as big as a wild turkey and are raised on farms. They are so heavy - they can NOT fly! Their average lifespan is ten years.



### Here's Some Turkey Facts!

- A male is called a Tom or Gobbler.
- A female is called a Hen.
- A chick is called a Poult.
- Turkeys grunt and make gobble, gobble sounds.
- The males can puff up their bodies and spread their tail feathers just like a peacock.

