

Adult or Juvenile? Gobbler or Hen?



Juvenile turkeys can be distinguished from adults by the longer middle tail feathers.

HEAD: feathers only to base of head; colors variable red, white and blue



FOOT: greater than 4.5 inches

PLUMAGE: overall metallic

BREAST FEATHER: black tip



BEARD: evident; up to 12 inches

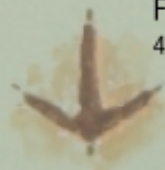


SPUR: bump to 1+ inch

TARSUS LENGTH: 6 inches

DROPPINGS: J-shaped

Gobbler



FOOT: less than 4.5 inches

PLUMAGE: duller, light brown

BREAST FEATHER: buff-colored tip



HEAD: feathers on crown; light blue

BEARD: usually none

TARSUS LENGTH: 4.5 inches

SPUR: absent

DROPPINGS: coiled or curled

Hen

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