

Bird



WILD TURKEYS

Meleagris gallopavo

LOCATED

Found in North America, where the wild turkey will typically forage on the forest floor, but can be found in grasslands & swamps, or even in some cities!

DIET

The wild turkey is an omnivore, which means it can eat plant-based foods along with meat. It can eat anything from seeds and leaves to even small amphibians or rodents.

PROBLEMS

It can adapt to urban & suburban communities, and become quite aggressive towards people if provoked. It has rarely caused serious damage to us but loves to chase anyone walking nearby, especially children!

PROTECTION

Like all animals, you should always keep your distance! If a flock of turkeys feel as though you are too close, you will be warned. Turkeys are very territorial. You'll most likely see them in groups but if you find yourself surrounded, RUN!



WEAPONS

It has an array of weapons it uses to defend itself. It can use its beak to peck at its predator or prey. It also has long talons to scratch and inflict some serious damage.



FUN FEATHER FACTS

- A turkey has between 5,000 and 6,000 feathers covering its body.
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- Turkey feathers were used by Native Americans in order to stabilize their arrows.



EYE SIGHT

The wild turkey's eyes are located on opposite sides of its head. This allows it to see objects on both sides of itself, but limits its depth perception. It has excellent vision during the day, but limited vision at night.



NEAR EXTINCTION

The wild turkey was nearly wiped out by hunting in the 1930's, when there were only about 30,000 in the wild. Due to conservation efforts, turkey numbers have rebounded, and are estimated to be more than 7 million today.

I live another day!!

**DID YOU KNOW?
TURKEYS SLEEP IN TREES TO STAY
SAFE FROM PREDATORS AT NIGHT.**