

AGING & SEXING FALL TURKEYS

STEP 1: AGE

ADULT OR JUVENILE -
Examine the last 1 or 2 wing feathers.



ADULTS have rounded feathers with white barring on tip.



JUVENILES have narrow pointed feathers with no white bars on the last 2".

STEP 2: SEX

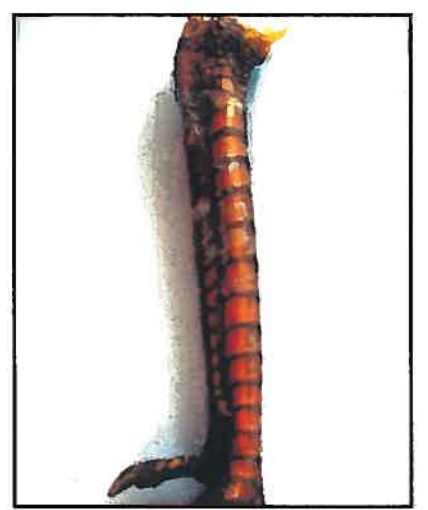
MALE OR FEMALE -
Examine breast feathers and legs (adult only)

A. ADULTS:

MALES have black-tipped breast feathers and leg spurs.



FEMALES have buff-tipped breast feathers and no leg spurs.



B. JUVENILES:

Do not look at the legs, they are similar for young males and females. Instead, examine the breast feathers. You will have to brush your hand against the breast feathers to **look for new feathers coming in** underneath the outer feathers. At the surface, juvenile male and female breast feathers often look the same.



MALES have some black-tipped feathers growing in.



FEMALES have buff-tipped breast feathers and no black-tipped feathers growing in.



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