THE TURKEY ROUND

Question Sheet



Player copy • Write your answers. The small Q references match the article.

01 Q3
How does a Wild Turkey's size compare with a Trumpeter Swan's?

02 Q6
What kind of hollow does a Wild Turkey hen make for her eggs?

03 Q9
Which incubation range does Cornell list for Wild Turkey eggs?

04 Q11
What material do Wild Turkeys swallow to help process their food?

05 Q13
Which part of a courting male turkey drops while he fans his tail?

06 Q17
What scientific name accompanies Audubon's Wild Turkey plate?

07 Q23
At which university were the 2016 turkeys to live after the ceremony?

08 Q24
What name did Virginia Tech give the exhibit that would house the birds?

Matching Answer Key



Host copy • Match each number to the player sheet before awarding points.

01 The turkey is smaller.

Q3 The Cornell comparison offers a useful scale for a very large land bird without asking players to estimate its weight from a photograph.

02 A shallow scrape in the soil.

Q6 The hen uses material already at the spot, such as dead leaves. This is different from weaving a deep hanging basket.

03 Twenty-five to thirty-one days.

Q9 A response of about four weeks is a reasonable approximation in a casual game. The field guide expresses the answer as a range.

04 Grit.

Q11 The small hard particles aid digestion. The guide distinguishes this purpose from the nuts, fruit and occasional animals in the bird's diet.

05 His wings.

Q13 The combination of lowered wings, spread tail and strutting posture makes a fuller display than any one feature alone.

06 Meleagris gallopavo.

Q17 The two-part name identifies the bird featured in the plate. The first word is its genus.

07 Virginia Tech.

Q23 Students and veterinarians in the university's animal and poultry program were to care for them.

08 Gobblers Rest.

Q24 This names the location at the university. It is separate from the White House garden where the ceremony took place.

Quick Questions and Answers



Read a question aloud, pause for guesses, then share the printed answer.

01 Q1 **Which metallic sheen can sunlight bring out in a Wild Turkey's dark plumage?**

Answer: Bronze-green iridescence.

02 Q5 **Which parts of a Wild Turkey have bare skin that can show red, blue or gray?**

Answer: The head and neck.

03 Q7 **About how deep is the typical Wild Turkey nest scrape in Cornell's description?**

Answer: About one inch.

04 Q15 **What kind of birds made restoration transfers successful in the late 1940s?**

Answer: Wild-caught turkeys.

05 Q22 **Which state's schoolchildren submitted pairs of names for the 2016 turkeys?**

Answer: Iowa.

06 Q25 **How old were Tater and Tot according to the 2016 ceremony background note?**

Answer: Eighteen weeks.

Cut-Out Trivia Cards



Cut on dashed borders. Fold each answer strip back before passing the cards.

CARD 01 / ARTICLE Q2

What pale color bars the Wild Turkey's otherwise dark wings?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

White.

CARD 02 / ARTICLE Q8

Which colors can mark spots on Wild Turkey eggs?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Reddish brown or pinkish.

CARD 03 / ARTICLE Q10

Are newly hatched Wild Turkeys bare or covered with down?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Covered with down.

CARD 04 / ARTICLE Q19

Which genus do the Ocellated Turkey and the Wild Turkey share?

FOLD BACK / ANSWER

Meleagris.