



Reporting Turkey Observations



Why does DEM Fish & Wildlife document turkey broods?

We survey turkey broods from July 1st to August 31st each year to gather information on productivity (number of offspring per female) and compare long-term reproductive success. This survey also provides biologists with an index of recruitment (the number of turkeys that survive to adulthood).

How to report an observation?

We rely on citizen scientists (that's you!) to collect state-wide turkey observations in Rhode Island each year.

You can submit observations via the following link or the data sheet attached to this packet:

Wild Turkey
Survey

Please submit paper data sheets by September 15th to the address listed below or email to Jennifer.Kilburn@dem.ri.gov

What are other important considerations when making an observation?

- Please be as accurate as possible with counts (see the following guides).
- Please do not report the same group of turkeys more than once.
- If you are unsure, record your observation and attach a photo.



Example Observations



Note: Poults are numbered to help with identification



Grey/blue head

Example 1

Adult hen with older poults

How to record:

Adult hens: 1, Poults: 6



Photo: P. Topham

Example 2

Poults no hen

How to record:

Adult hens: 0, Poults: 3

* Females can have a beard, but they will always have a grey head



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Example 3

Adult hens with poults

How to record:

Adult hens: 2, Poults:
10



Photo: M. Black

Example 4

Adult hen no poults

How to record:

Adult hens: 1, Poults: 0



Photo: M. Stultz



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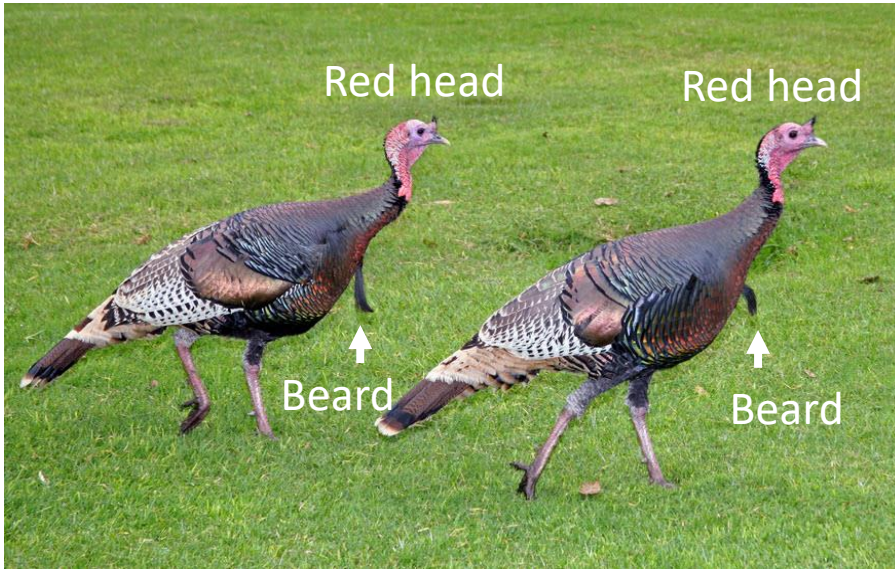


Example 5

Adult males

How to record:

Males: 2



Example 6

Adult hens no poults

How to record:

Adult hens: 5, Poults: 0



