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# EASTERN WILD TURKEY

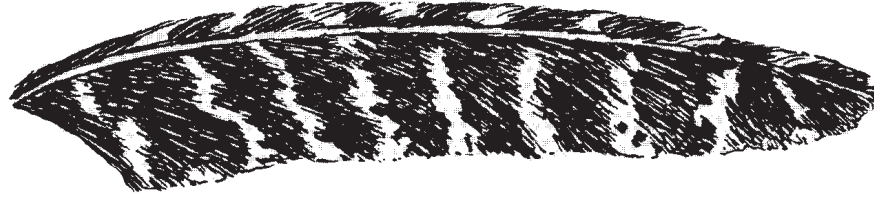
*Meleagris gallopavo*

## AGE AND SEX DETERMINATION

**AGE** — Determined by outer wing feather and tail feather

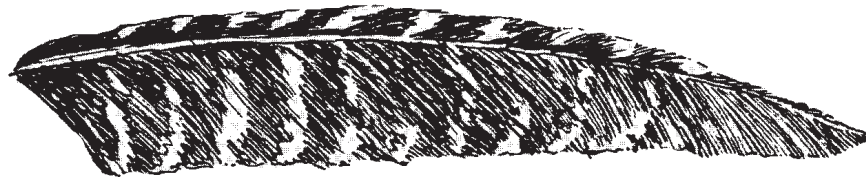
WING FEATHERS

ADULT



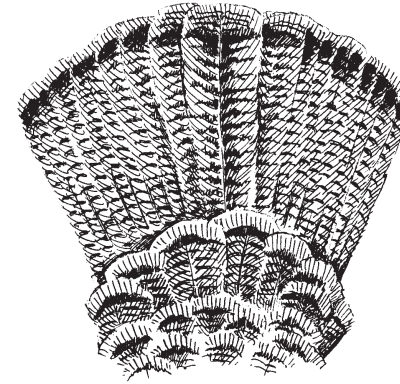
Rounded and barred with white almost to the extreme tip

IMMATURE



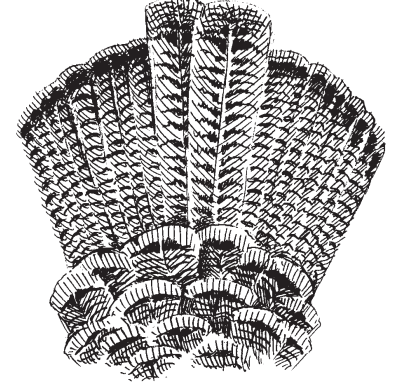
Pointed and plain gray tip with lack of definite barring

TAIL FEATHERS



ADULT

Even contour of spread tail feathers



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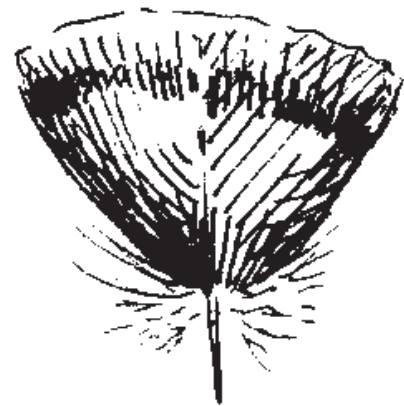
Irregular contour

**SEX** — Determined by breast feather coloration



MALE

Black tipped

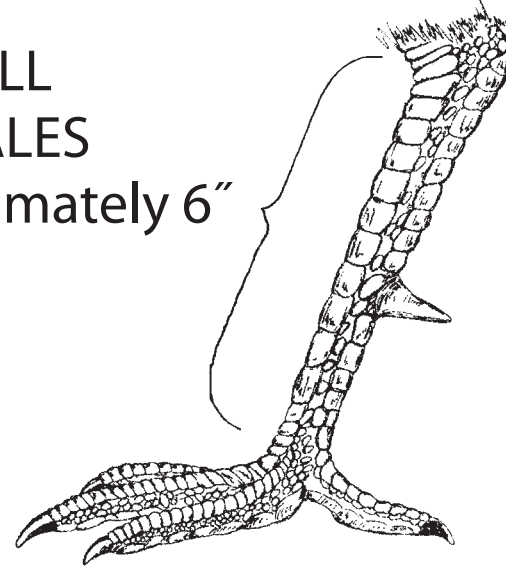


FEMALE

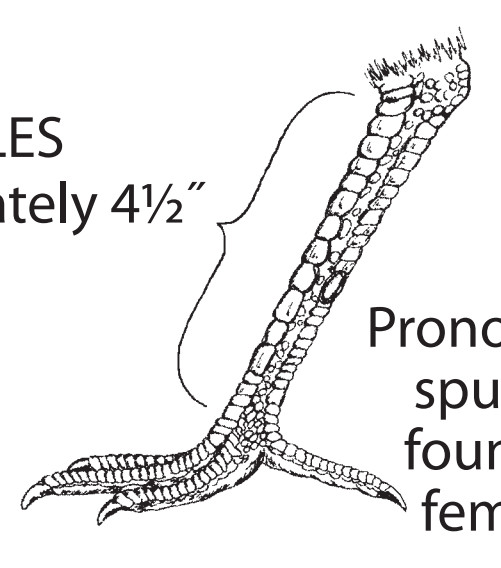
Brown or bronze tipped

**SEX** — Determined by foot length and presence of spur

ALL MALES  
Approximately 6"



ALL FEMALES  
Approximately 4½"



Pronounced spur not found on females

**BEARDS** — Measure from the base to the longest point



less than 6"

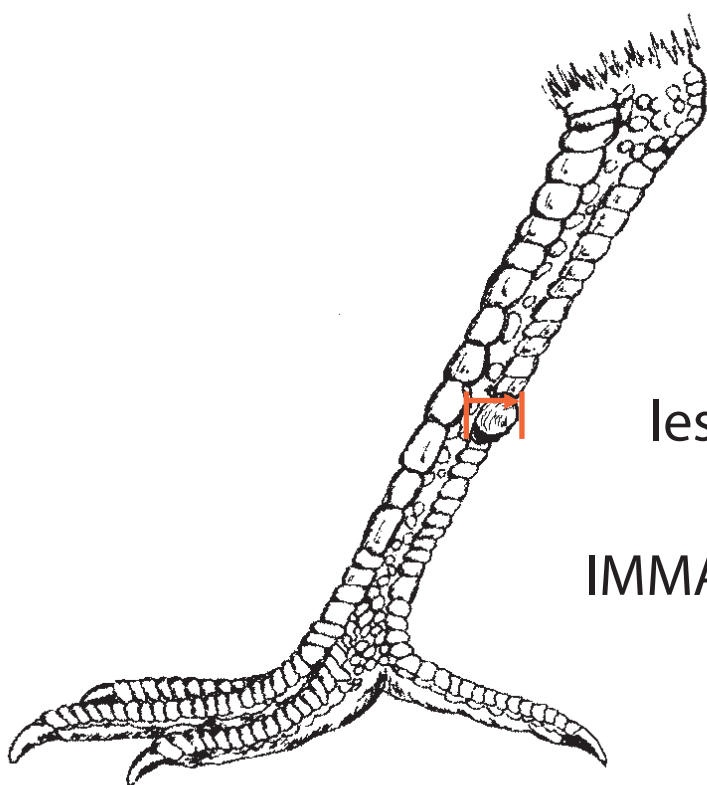
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6" or longer

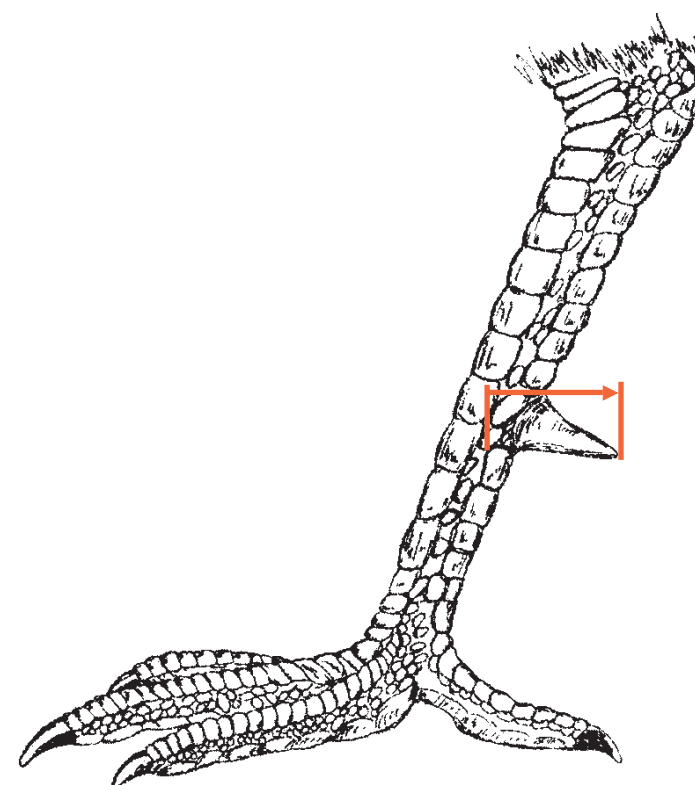
ADULT

**SPURS**



less than ½"

IMMATURE MALE



½" or longer

ADULT MALE