

# 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 inches.

## STEP 2: SEX

MALE or FEMALE - examine breast feathers and legs (*adult only*).

### A. FOR ADULTS:

**MALES** have black-tipped breast feathers and leg spurs.

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



**B. FOR 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.

