Adult or Juvenile? Gobbler or Hen?

Juvenile turkeys can be distinguished from adults by the longer middle tail feathers.

**Head**: feathers only to base of head; colors variable red, white and blue

**Plumage**: overall metallic

**Breast Feather**: black tip

**Beard**: evident; up to 12 inches

**Foot**: greater than 4.5 inches

**Spur**: bump to 1+ inch

**Tarsus Length**: 6 inches

**Droppings**: J-shaped

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**Gobbler**

**Foot**: less than 4.5 inches

**Plumage**: duller, light brown

**Breast Feather**: buff-colored tip

**Head**: feathers on crown; light blue

**Beard**: usually none

**Spur**: absent

**Tarsus Length**: 4.5 inches

**Droppings**: coiled or curled

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**Hen**

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