

# Science Story Adventures



## Turkeys

### Learning outcomes

- » Students know plants and animals have structures that serve different functions in growth, survival, and reproduction (Kindergarten - Life Sciences).
- » Students know animals eat plants or other animals for food and may also use plants or even other animals for shelter and nesting. (Grade 1 - Life Sciences).
- » Students know that organisms reproduce offspring of their own kind and that the offspring resemble their parents and one another. (Grade 2 - Life Sciences)

*From: California's Science Content Standards*

### Books we read

*Little Tom Turkey* by Frances Bloxam  
*I'm a Turkey* by Jim Arnosky

### Activities we did

- » Discussed the characteristics of turkeys.
- » Examined specimens of turkey skulls, feathers, and eggs.
- » Listened to turkey calls and made our own turkey calls.

### Today's craft : Making a Turkey Napkin Ring

#### You will need:

- » Paper towel rolls, cut into four 2-inch pieces, covered in brown felt
- » Flat, ice-cream craft sticks
- » "Feathers" in red, orange, yellow, tan, and brown construction paper colors (see template)
- » Small, pre-cut orange "beaks" from
- » construction paper (see template)
- » Pre-cut yellow "feet" from construction paper (see template)
- » Googly eyes
- » Crayons
- » Craft glue
- » Stapler



#### Directions:

1. Color the ice cream stick with crayons.
2. Glue googly eyes, beaks, and "wattle" to stick.
3. Glue ice cream stick to felt-covered roll, at the seam.
4. Glue feet to bottom of felt-covered roll.
5. Arrange the leaf wings in a nice pattern and staple.
6. Glue or staple wings on back.
7. Let dry.

# Want to find out more?

Here is a selection of further resources to explore in the Naturalist Center, in the public library or at home. Please ask if you can't find what you're looking for.

## Books

*Gobble, Gobble* by Cathryn Falwell

Join a young girl as she observes some wild turkeys near her house in each of the seasons.

*High Ridge Gobbler: A Story of the American Wild Turkey* by David Stemple and Ted Lewin.

Follows the activities of an eastern wild turkey from infancy to adulthood.

*Too Many Turkeys* by Linda White.

Chaos ensues when Farmer Fred's wife fertilizes her beautiful garden with an secret ingredient that attracts turkeys from miles around.

*Wild Turkey, Tame Turkey* by Dorothy Hinshaw Patent.  
Nat. Ctr. Juv. QL696.G254 P38 1989

History and comparison of the native North American wild and domesticated turkeys.

*Wild Turkeys* by John Becker.

Natural history of the wild turkeys in America.

## DVDs

*Marty Stouffer's Wild America*. Nat. Ctr. Media QL151.M37  
2006 - Season 6, Disc 1

The ecology and habitat of wild turkeys are discussed.

## Websites

**Wild Turkey (National Geographic)**

Fact sheet about wild turkeys.

<http://animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals/birds/wild-turkey.html>

**Wild Turkey (Cornell University)**

Description, life history, sounds and video of wild turkeys.

[http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wild\\_Turkey/id](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/guide/Wild_Turkey/id)

**Environmental Education for Kids (Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources)**

An article about turkeys in the wild.

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/ce/eeek/critter/bird/wildturkey.htm>

# Template for Turkey Napkin-Ring Craft

