



Aging Spring Turkeys

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L-R: 1 yr., 2 yrs., 3 yrs., 4+ yrs.

SPURS

- 1 year 1/2" or less
- 2 years 1/2" to 7/8"
- 3 years 7/8" to 1"
- 4+ years 1"+

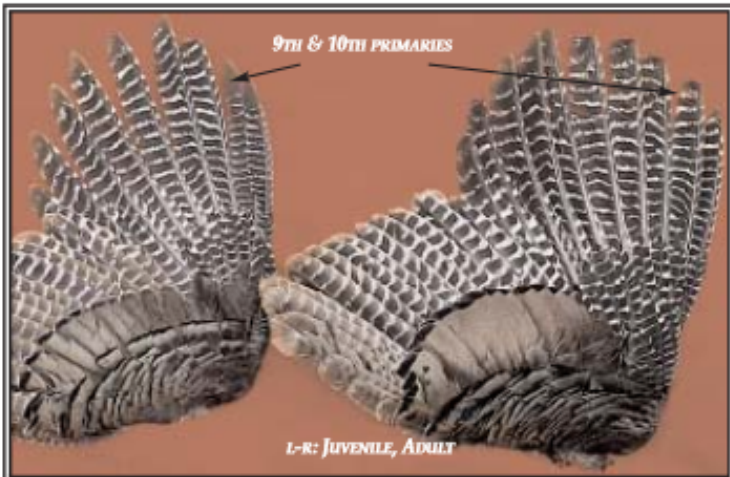


L-R: 1 yr., 2 yrs., 3+ yrs.

BEARDS

- 1 year 3-5"
- 2 years 6-9"
- 3+ years 10"+

WINGS



L-R: JUVENILE, ADULT

Juvenile - 9th & 10th primaries pointed and dark tipped, no barring near tip

Adult - 9th & 10th primaries more rounded with white barring extending to the end

TAIL



Juvenile – irregular contour of tail feathers



Adult – regular contour of tail feathers