



# Living with Wild Turkeys

Wild turkeys, which are native to Florida, are one of our most beautiful and awe-inspiring birds. However, when wild turkeys lose their fear of people, they can begin acting aggressively and become a public safety concern. You can help avoid wild turkey conflicts with the following tips.

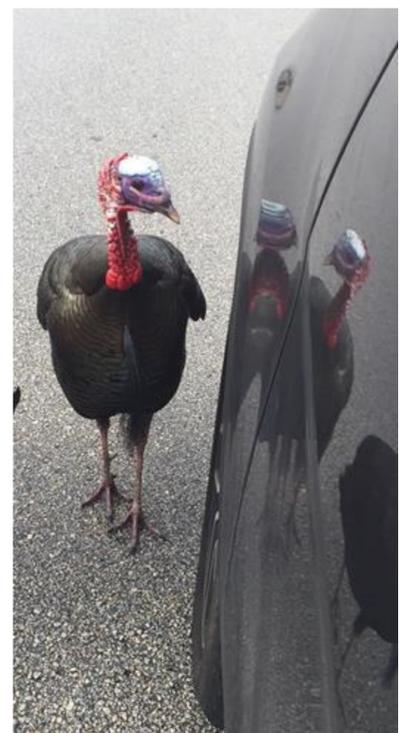
**To avoid conflicts, do not feed wild turkeys in residential areas**

Feeding wild turkeys in residential areas – intentionally or unintentionally – causes them to lose their natural fear of people and can lead them to behave aggressively.

## Keep wild turkeys wild

If you encounter wild turkeys that 1) do not move to avoid being near people, 2) approach people, pets or cars, or 3) remain in yards and common areas, the FWC recommends aggressively hazing them by:

- ✓ Chasing them (without making physical contact) while doing the following:
  - ✓ Waving your arms or clapping your hands and yelling at them
  - ✓ Making loud noises using an air horn or banging pots and pans
  - ✓ Spraying with a strong water jet from a hose
  - ✓ Waving or swatting at (but not hitting) with a broom
  - ✓ Opening a large umbrella while facing them



Approaching people or vehicles is NOT normal wild turkey behavior.

**For more information**

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