



Friends of Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge

Wild Turkeys



Toms (male turkeys) engage in courtship displays to attract females. After mating, males and females form separate flocks where the females assume the responsibility of caring for the young. Being the “official game bird of Massachusetts,” they are one of the species that can be hunted within the Mashpee National Wildlife Refuge.



You can find wild turkeys in a variety of habitats including mature forests, fields, clearings, and residential or urban areas. Their diet varies seasonally and consists of leafy vegetation, fruits, seeds, insects, snails, and small amphibians.

