Grade level:
Pre-K to 4th

Objective:
Learn about turkey in New Mexico by coloring the following illustration while reading about them. The wild turkey is the largest game bird in the United States. Though wild turkey populations decreased with over hunting in the late 1800s, translocation of birds has helped to re-establish turkeys throughout much of their native range. Transplants have occurred in New Mexico since 1939 to reintroduce turkeys to their native historic range, and to improve genetics in isolated population areas. New Mexico has three sub-species of wild turkey: Merriam’s, Rio Grande and Gould’s. Male turkeys are well known for their spring courtship displays. Males will gobble to attract females and strut with their tail fanned.