Ohio Wildlife Fact Sheet

Whitetail Deer

Adult Weight 110-225 lbs.

1904-1923 There were no whitetail deer in Ohio

Young are called fawns. Usually have 1-3 each year. Born in   May and June. Usually weigh 7-8 lbs.

Color- Rust with white spots when young and grayish brown when older

Antlers grow on males (Bucks). Usually grow from April through August. A soft layer coating the antler while it grows is called "Velvet". Antler size depends on age, genetics and nutrition. Antlers are shed each year late in the winter or early Spring.

Sounds - Snort, grunt and bleats (naaas).   Deer are browsing animals. They eat leaves, twigs, sprouts, grass and corn etc.

Deer have excellent sense of smell and hearing with good eyesight. The best way to age deer is by looking at their teeth

Eastern Wild Turkey

Typical adult weight 10-25 lbs. Young are called "Poults"   Eggs hatch in 28 days once the mother starts to set on the nest. She usually lays 10-15 eggs per nest.

Color- Males are black/brown with iridescent feathers.   Females are gray/brown

Males have spurs which is bone that grows on the back of the leg.

The older the bird the longer and sharper the spurs grow.

Sounds - Gobbles, yelps, purrs, clucks, cackles and putts.

Turkeys eat bugs, leaves, worms, grubs, grass, dandelion tops

Turkeys have excellent eye sight, and hearing but have very poor sense of smell.

Turkeys roost in trees except when young are being hatched.

The best way to age a gobbler is by looking at the length of its spurs

Eastern Coyotes

Adults weigh 20-55 lbs.

Young are called "Pups"   Coyotes have 5-7 pups per litter. Color varies greatly from browns and black to reddish yellows.

Breeding usually occurs in February and March. It takes about nine weeks until the young are born. Coyotes live in dens in the ground. They will burrow back in the ground a few feet to 50 feet to make their den.

Coyotes sounds - Yeps, howls, and whines

Coyotes eat small mammals (mice, rabbits, voles or shrews), nuts, vegetables, carrion, poultry and young livestock.