Wild turkeys that vanished in 1800s return to New England

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MONTPELIER, Vt. — Wild turkeys, once common across New England, are back after disappearing from the region in the 19th century and are now regularly spotted in rural fields, suburban neighborhoods and even the airspace above interstate highways.

The revival is considered one of the major wildlife restoration success stories, even making it into wildlife management textbooks, said Mark Scott, director of wildlife for the Vermont Department of Fish and Wildlife.

The revival of the birds in Vermont grew from the release of turkeys in Rutland County during the winters of 1969-70 and 1970-71. A total of 31 were released during that time. The state now has a population estimated at 45,000 to 50,000 birds, from

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In this circa 1970 photo provided by the Vermont Fish & Wildlife Department, game warden Ross Hoyt, left, and biologist Joseph Artmann release a wild turkey in Saxtons River, Vt., at a time when they were almost gone from the Vermont countryside.

one end of the state to the other, Scott said.

Vermont has also helped other states in the region and beyond restore or build their populations, sending turkeys to places including Maine, Rhode Island, New Jersey, Canada and Germany.

"I think people like to see turkeys whether they hunt them or not," said Scott, whose agency oversees Vermont's spring and fall turkey hunting seasons.

The turkey revival is not just a New England phenomenon.

Wild turkeys are now found in all U.S. states except Alaska, said Pete Muller, public relations manager for the National Wild Turkey Federation, which is trying to maintain and expand turkey habitats across the country.

"When you think about this particular time of year, Thanksgiving, most people will think of turkeys," said Muller, who estimates the national turkey population is around 6 million.

He said it's unclear whether turkeys were actually part of the original Thanksgiving held by the Pilgrims in what is now Plymouth, Massachusetts.

"Whether there were actually turkeys there or not, the American wild turkey is cemented into this country's history," Muller said.

Now, not far from the site of that original Thanksgiving, in Foxborough, Massachusetts, turkeys are so common some have turned aggressive toward people who feed them. In Vermont, flocks of 200 or 300 turkeys can damage farmers' grain bunkers by eating the feed intended for cattle and fouling the rest with their droppings, Scott said.

Vermont's native turkey population was wiped out in the 19th century because of habitat loss caused by farming practices that clear cut forests from much of the state. In the 1850s, only about 25 percent of Vermont was forested.

Unsuccessful efforts to restore partially domesticated turkeys were made in the middle of the 20th century.

In the 1960s, a Vermont biologist who once worked in New York developed a program that brought the 31 turkeys that had been trapped in New York's Alleghany and Steuben counties to Pawlet and Hubbardton, according to a history of the program provided by Vermont Fish and Wildlife. The area was considered ideal because of the combination of forests and farm fields littered with cow corn.

Within a year, the population was estimated at 150. By 1973, the population had rebounded enough for a limited hunting season in the area where they were first released.

In 1977 and 1978, the Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife released 41 birds from Vermont in the towns of York and Eliot as part of a yearslong restoration effort. Within a few years, Maine biologists were catching and releasing their birds in other parts of the state. Now they're found in all 16 Maine counties.

New Hampshire began its turkey restoration in the 1970s. Now there are an estimated 35,000 to 45,000 statewide.

PARENTS TALK BACK
Teaching kids to recognize fake news

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Parents Talk Back

There's a mild-mannered warrior in the front lines of the propaganda wars.

Kylie Peters, a librarian in the Chicago area, has been concerned about the rise of so-called "fake news": deliberately false stories made to appear factual, designed to sway public opinion.

"Librarians are the original search engine," said Peters, who works at Geneva Public Library in suburban Chicago. A recent analysis showed that fake or hoax stories got more reader engagement on Facebook than real news stories during the last three months of the election.

"People think they don't need librarians because of Google. In fact, they need us more than ever to help them combat information overload, and sort and evaluate the current glut of information," Peters wrote in a recent Facebook post. She shared strategies for identifying false information and biases, noting that biases are not always bad — as long as you know what they are.

Here are her tips for helping your children learn how to distinguish facts from fiction or propaganda online:

"Your first stop when you visit an unfamiliar website should be the 'about' page. Is the information there neutral? Why does this website exist? Who funds the site? Who owns it? Who runs it? What are that person or people's goals? Are contributors paid? What is the submission process for content? All of these can be clues about both accuracy and biases.

"Scroll to the very bottom of the page and look at who owns the copyright. Is it an individual? A business? A smaller division of a large business? What makes this site qualified to provide accurate information on the topic the site covers?

"Does the website cite its sources? Are the sources reliable? Does it link to reliable sites?"

Peters encourages readers to get context clues from a site's domain name — "sites that end in .gov are from the U.S. government, while .edu is an educational institution" — and reminds them to trust their guts. If a site looks unprofessional, it probably is.

"Look at graphic design. Your instincts are right on this one: Poor graphic design may be an indicator of low-quality material. The same goes for material with lots of grammar and spelling errors, exclamation points and capital letters."

It gets trickier when it comes time to evaluate the content itself. Keep an eye out for this kind of language, Peters says:

"Watch for 'bias words' that indicate emotion, opinion or slant, or linguistic tricks to make things sound a certain way. Unbiased words will be neutral, and will make sense when used in both a positive and a negative sentence. For example:

'She was applauded for advocating a new immigration policy.'

'She was criticized for advocating a new immigration policy.'

"These both make sense, so in this case, 'advocating' is a neutral description."

One of Peters' most critical tips?

"Don't use Google search rankings as an indicator of accuracy!" To drive the point home, she shared this example: "I just Googled 'Martin Luther King Jr.' and the fourth result was a white supremacist site. We don't know Google's algorithm for search results," she says, and even if someone figured it out, the algorithm is constantly changing.

"The more a site is linked to by other sites and shared on social media, the more likely it is to be high on the results page. Your results may be affected by your location and by your previous searches. Sites portraying a subject positively tend to appear at the top of the page, and negatively, at the bottom." Business considerations are at play, too: "Google owns a lot of products, and it pushes its own properties to the top of the search results.

"Website owners know you're most likely to click one of the top few search results. There are a lot of tricks people will use to make their Google search rankings go up. For example, by artificially increasing the number of links to their site or by showing search engines different data from what they show human visitors. Google tries to catch spam and stop manipulation of its system, but it's an ongoing war."

Think you and your child are ready to spot the fake news from the real? Try this test: Google the phrase "Save the Pacific Northwest Tree Octopus" and click on the site that comes up first.

"Can you identify the clues that this is not a reliable website?" Peters asks. "Even better, show the site to someone who doesn't know about it and see if they believe it. This site was specifically designed to teach students digital literacy, and has some built-in clues to help you identify it as false information."

Identifying reliable websites and sources "may sound like a lot of work, but it becomes quick and easy once you've had some practice," says Peters.

Other librarians added their own tips to her suggestions. One mentioned "triangulation," meaning "visiting at least three sites to verify the facts."

If you do get overwhelmed, Peters reminds you that librarians are there to help.

"If you haven't been to your local library lately, you should go," she says. "It's probably a lot cooler than you think."

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Friday Morning — November 25, 2016

STATION		6 AM	6:30	7 AM	7:30	8 AM	8:30	9 AM	9:30	10 AM	10:30	11 AM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	AgDay	Hot/ Cleve.	Good Day Spokane				Paid	Into Wild	Steve Harvey		Crime Watch Daily	
	KPTV	3	Good Day Oregon at 6		Good Day Oregon				Good Day		The 700 Club		The Rachael Ray Show	
CBS	19 KEPR	2	News	News	CBS This Morning (N)				Harry		Apple Cup	Best of Football (N)		Football
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6 a.m.		CBS This Morning (N)				Young & Restless		Paid	Best of Football (N)		Football
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Wake Up Northwest		Today Dolly Parton, Jessica Chastain, Daya (N)				Today Show II (N)		NHL Hockey N.Y. Rangers vs Philadelphia (L)			
	KGW	8	KGW News at Sunrise		Today Dolly Parton, Jessica Chastain, Daya (N)				Today Show II (N)		NHL Hockey N.Y. Rangers vs Philadelphia (L)			
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Northwest	Northwest	Good Morning America (N)				NCAA Football (L)					
	KATU	5	KATU News Morning		Good Morning America (N)				NCAA Football (L)					
PBS	31 KTNW	31	Stretch	W.L.Yoga	Wild Kratts	Jet Go!	Wild Kratts		D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Sit and Fit
	59 OPB	13	Stretch	Jet Go!	Wild Kratts		D.Tiger	D.Tiger	SplashB.	Sesame St.	DinoTrain	Peg + Cat	SuperW!	Thomas

AFTERNOON

STATION		12 PM	12:30	1 PM	1:30	2 PM	2:30	3 PM	3:30	4 PM	4:30	5 PM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Pre-game		NCAA Football Washington at Washington State Site: Martin Stadium (L)						Paid	Mike&M.	Last Man	Last Man
	KPTV	3	Pre-game		NCAA Football Washington at Washington State Site: Martin Stadium (L)						Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
CBS	19 KEPR	2	NCAA Football Arkansas at Missouri Site: Memorial Stadium						Dr. Phil (N)		Judge Judy	Judge Judy	News	News
	KOIN	19	NCAA Football Arkansas at Missouri Site: Memorial Stadium						Dr. Phil (N)		KOIN 6 News at 4 p.m.		News	News
NBC	25 KNDU	6	NHL Hockey (L)		Million?	Paid	Hot Bench	Hot Bench	Wendy Williams		Ellen DeGeneres		News	NBC News
	KGW	8	NHL Hockey (L)		Days of Our Lives		T.D. Jakes		Ellen DeGeneres		KGW News		KGW News	NBC News
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Studio		NCAA Football (L)					Studio		The View		News	News
	KATU	5	Studio		NCAA Football (L)					Studio		KATU News @ 4		News	News
PBS	31 KTNW	31	Charlie Rose		Ming (N)	Quilt Day	Stretch	Thomas	Nature Cat	Jet Go!	Wild Kratts		Animals	Animals
	59 OPB	13	Paint This	Mexican	Charlie Rose		Nature Cat	Bob Build	Cat/ Hat	Jet Go!	Speaks	WordGirl	Wild Kratts	

EVENING

STATION		6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	Modern "Diamond in the Rough"	Modern Family "Party Crasher"	2 Broke Girls "And the Blind Spot"	Seahawks All Access	Lethal Murtaugh delves into the psyche of a former Navy seal who is wanted for criminal activity.		Lucifer Lucifer is distracted by his mother's escape from hell; he & Chloe investigate a murder.		FOX News First at Ten		:35 Law:CI A televangelist's wife is found murdered; Det. Goren runs into his long lost brother.	:35 Anger M. "Charlie Gets Date Rated"
	KPTV	3	6 O'Clock News	Timbers Special	Family Feud	Family Feud	Lethal Weapon "Spilt Milk"		Lucifer "Everything's Coming Up Lucifer"		10 O'Clock News		Fox 12 News	2 Broke Girls
CBS	19 KEPR	2	Action News at 6 p.m.	Inside Edition	The Big Bang Theory	Simpsons "Waiting for Duffman"	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns	MacGyver With only a driver's license & hand sanitizer, MacGyver must save a terrorist's life.		BlueB. Jamie & Danny disagree about how to handle a reckless New York Police Department rookie.		Action News at 11:00 p.m.	:35 Stephen Colbert
	KOIN	19	KOIN 6 News at 6	Evening News	Extra	Ent. Tonight	Frosty the Snowman	Frosty Returns	MacGyver "AWL"		Blue Bloods "Friends in Need"		KOIN 6 News/ 11	:35 S. Colbert
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Local News	Family Feud	Wheel of Fortune	Jeopardy!	How the Grinch Stole Christmas	How Murray Saved Christmas	Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features and breaking news coverage.				Local News	:35 The Tonight Show
	KGW	8	Cup of Joe		OregonH-rstyMkrs	Inside Edition	Grinch Christmas	Murray C'Mas	Dateline NBC The news magazine presents investigative features & breaking news coverage.				KGW News at 11	:35 Tonight
ABC	42 KVEW	4	Extra	Local News at 6:30	Entertainment Tonight	The Insider	Santa Claus Kris Kringle overcomes an evil ruler & delivers toys to children all over the world.		Shark Tank A teenager who uses technology to solve a problem that technology has created.		20/20 A combination of interviews, feature stories and hard-hitting investigative reports.		News /:05 Kimmel This distinctive late-night talk show features celebrity guests, bands & comedy.	
	KATU	5	KATU News Special "Everyday Heroes"		Jeopardy!	Wheel of Fortune	Santa Claus Is Comin' to Town		Shark Tank		20/20		KATU News	:35 Jimmy Kimmel
PBS	31 KTNW	31	PBS NewsHour		Shetland "Blue Lightning" 1/2		Shetland "Blue Lightning, Part Two"		Live From Lincoln Center "Lang Lang's New York Rhapsody" (N)				Becoming an Artist	Charlie Rose
	59 OPB	13	Travels-cope	Business (N)	PBS NewsHour		Washingto n Week (N)	BBC Newsnight	Hinterland		:50 Hinterland "Night Music, Part Two" 2/2		:35 Masterpiece "Indian Summers"	:35 On Story

STATION	PEN	6 PM	6:30	7 PM	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30	11 PM	11:30
A&E	52	The First 48 "Memphis Blues/ Widow Maker"		The First 48 "Secrets and Lies"		Live PD: Rap Sheet		Live PD (N)				The First 48 "Blood on Bourbon"	
AMC	60	✦ ★★★ Jumanji ('95, Fant) Robin Williams.		✦ ★★★ Ghostbusters Bill Murray. Three parapsychologists open a ghost removal business in New York.				✦ ★★★ Ghostbusters II A team of ghost chasers must save New York from an evil spirit that resides in a portrait.					
ANPL	24	Tanked! "Shaq-Sized"		Tanked!		Tanked: Sea-lebrity "All-Star Aquariums"				Tanked: Unfiltered		Tanked!	
CMT	43	✦ ★★ Days of Thunder				✦ ★★ Days of Thunder ('90, Spt) Tom Cruise.				Broken Skull Challn		Roseanne	Roseanne
CNBC	72	Undercover Boss		Boss "EmpireCLS"		Boss "Hudson Group"		Boss "Menchie's"		Undercover Boss		Paid	Paid
CNN	68	The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies		The Seventies	
DISC	51	Gold Rush "Mutiny"		Gold Rush		Gold Rush: Pay Dirt (N)		Gold Rush (N)		Treasure Quest (N)		Rush "Watery Grave"	
DISN	26	✦ Descendants ('15, Fam) Dove Cameron.		Descents Holiday		:05 Liv Mad	The Lodge	Underc.	Bizaard.	Girl World	Cali Style
ESPN	33	Football Score. (L)		NCAA Football Arizona State at Arizona Site: Arizona Stadium -- Tuscon, Ariz. (L)				SportsCenter		SportsCenter			
ESPN2	34	Basket.		NCAA Basketball AdvoCare Invitational (L)				NCAA Basketball Wooden Legacy (L)				Featured "Pin Kings"	
FNC	66	The Kelly File		Hannity		The O'Reilly Factor		The Kelly File		Hannity		On the Record	
FOOD	61	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners	Diners "Best of Pizza"		Diners, Drive-Ins (N)		Diners, Drive-Ins		Diners, Drive-Ins	
FREE	32	:10 ✦ ★★★ Toy Story 2 ('99, Ani) Tom Hanks.		ToyStory		:50 ✦ ★★★ Despicable Me ('10, Ani) Steve Carell.						The 700 Club	
FX	65	✦ Noah ('14, Dra) Russell Crowe.				✦ ★★ White House Down ('13, Act) Jamie Foxx, Channing Tatum.						✦ White House Down	
GOLF	88	Golf World Cup Round 3 Site: Kingston Heath Golf Club -- Victoria, Australia (L)								Golf World Cup			
GSN	59	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Window Warriors		Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	Fam. Feud	MindMan	MindMan
HALL	87	✦ The Mistletoe Promise ('16, Rom) Jamie King.		✦ Christmas List ('16, Rom) Alicia Witt. (P)				✦ Christmas Under Wraps					
HGTV	62	House	House	House	House	Renovation		Renovation		H.Hunt	House (N)	H.Hunt	House
HIST	50	Ancient Aliens "Creatures of the Deep"		Ancient Aliens "The New Evidence"		Ancient Aliens "Secrets of the Mummies"		Doomsday "Alien Invasion" (N)		Doomsday "Deep Sea Disaster" (N)		:05 Aliens "Aliens and Ancient Engineers"	
LIFE	29	✦ ★★ Secretariat ('10, Fam) Diane Lane.		✦ ★★ Christmas With the Kranks Tim Allen.				✦ ★★ Date Night ('10, Com) Tina Fey.					
NICK	27	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	LoudHou.	Sponge	Sponge	LoudHou.	Full House	Full House	Full House	Full House	Friends	Friends
ROOT	37	NPGL Fitness Baltimore Anthem vs. D.C. Brawlers		NPGL Fitness Los Angeles Reign vs. San Francisco Fire				NPGL Fitness Phoenix Rise vs. Miami Surge					
SPIKE	42	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops	Cops "In Atlanta"	Cops	Cops "Texas"	Cops	Cops	Cops "In Arizona"	Cops
SYFY	67	Z Nation		Z Nation		Z Nation		Z Nation (N)		Van Helsing (N)		Z Nation	
TBS	59	✦ Star Wars: Episode V: The Empire Strikes Back Luke seeks out a Jedi master.				:15 ✦ ★★★★ Star Wars: Episode VI: Return of the Jedi Luke Skywalker battles the monstrous Jabba the Hutt and squares off against Darth Vader.						Search Party (N)	Search Party (N)
TCM	56	✦ ★★ Inside Daisy Clover Natalie Wood.		:★ Bob & Carol, Ted & Alice Back from a retreat, a couple suggests to their friends that they have an orgy.				:15 ✦ Brainstorm Two scientists develop a computer that can transfer experiences from person to person.				:15 ✦ ★★★ The Candidate	
TLC	49	Kindred Spirits		Kindred Spirits		A Haunting (N)		A Haunting (N)		Kindred Spirits (N)		A Haunting	
TNT	33	✦ ★★★ Pacific Rim ('13, Act) Idris Elba.				✦ ★★★ Man of Steel ('13, Act) Amy Adams, Henry Cavill.						Good Behavior	
UNI	21	Incluido	Noticiero	La rosa de Guadalupe		Despertar contigo		Vino el amor		El color de la pasion		Impacto	Noticie.
USA	58	✦ National Treasure:...		✦ ★★★ Maleficent ('14, Adv) Angelina Jolie.				✦ A Madea Christmas Chad Michael Murray.				✦ ★★★ Maleficent	
WE	118	✦ ★★ Monster-in-Law		✦ ★★ Monster-in-Law ('05, Com) Jennifer Lopez.				W&Grace	W&Grace	W&Grace	W&Grace		
WGN	9	✦ The Perfect Storm		✦ ★★★ Gangs of New York ('02, Dra) Daniel Day-Lewis, Leonardo DiCaprio.						Mother	Mother	Mother	Mother
STZ ENC	644	Movie	:45 ✦ ★★★ The Blues Brothers ('80, Com) John Belushi.			✦ ★★ Nice Dreams Cheech Marin.		✦ ★★ The Corsican Brothers					
HBO	518	✦ The Peanuts Movie		Sesame Christmas (N)		✦ Eddie the Eagle ('16, Bio) Taron Egerton.				WWorld "Trace Decay"		T.Ullman	Movie
HBO2	520	Movie		✦ ★★ Pan ('15, Fam) Levi Miller.		✦ The Transporter		WWorld "Trace Decay"		Michigan vs.		✦ ★★ Bad Santa	Movie
HBO3	521	✦ ★★ American Pie		:05 ✦ ★★ Pan ('15, Fam) Levi Miller.				✦ Steve Jobs ('15, Bio) Michael Fassbender.				:05 ✦ The Bachelor	
MAX	549	Movie	:35 ✦ We Are Your Friends			:15 ✦ ★★ Get Hard ('15, Com) Will Ferrell.				✦ The Sweetest Thing		Movie	
SHOW	578	✦ ★★ Mission: Impossible II Tom Cruise.				The Affair		✦ Zero Days ('16, Doc) David Sanger.				✦ Paranoia	
STARZ	621	✦ ★★ Pixels		Party D	Party D	Party D	Party D	Party D	Party D	:55 Party D	:25 Party D	:55 Party D	/:25 Party D

NIGHT OWL

STATION		12 AM	12:30	1 AM	1:30	2 AM	2:30	3 AM	3:30	4 AM	4:30	5 AM	5:30
FOX	11 KFFX	11	:05 Friends	:05 Friends	:35 Hot In		CR TV Featuring a selection of products and services.						CRTV	
	KPTV	3	2 Broke G.	TMZ	Dish	Queens	Raising	Celeb	Paid	Paid	CARS.TV	Paid	Paid	Paid
CBS	19 KEPR	2	S. Colbert	:35 James Corden		:35 Paid	:05 Paid	Paid	Spaces	Paid	Traveler	Paid	Morning Saturday (N)	
	KOIN	19	S. Colbert	:35 James Corden		:35 Insider	:05 Paid	OurWorld	Paid	Paid	CBS This Morning Saturday (N)			
NBC	25 KNDU	6	Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers		:05 Today Show		Mad Money		Paid	Paid	1st Look	Am Athlete	Paid
	KGW	8	Tonight	:35 Seth Meyers		:35 C. Daly	:05 Steve Harvey		Mad Money		Paid	Paid	1st Look	Paid	Today (N)
ABC	42 KVEW	4	:05 Nightl.	:35 Middle	:05 Minute	:35 Minute	Paid	Paid	Live! With Kelly		The Doctors		The Rachael Ray Show	
	KATU	5	J. Kimmel	:35 Nightl.	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	:05 Paid	Paid	:05 Paid	:35 Paid	DestinTV	Paid	Paid	Paid
PBS	31 KTNW	31	SongCent	T. Smiley	W.Week	CharlieR	Live From Lincoln Center				Artist	Pearl Harbor	This Old House Hour	
	59 OPB	13	PBS NewsHour		W.Week	BBC News	Alan Cumming Sings		Lincoln Cen. "Elfman and Tim Burton: 30 Years"				Business	BBC News