

A group of wild turkeys is called a flock, whereas a group of domesticated turkeys is known as a rafter or gang. For most of the year, these flocks comprise at least 30 turkeys.

The expression: "to the rafters" meant that an animal or person got overly-excited, overreacted extremely, or panicked. Turkeys are notorious for this type of panicky, hyper-reactive, mindless behavior, plus, rafters are a safe haven for heavy birds.