



Two wild turkeys in Sherman County check each other out. Turkeys like these were reintroduced into the state in the 1960s.

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Wild in the

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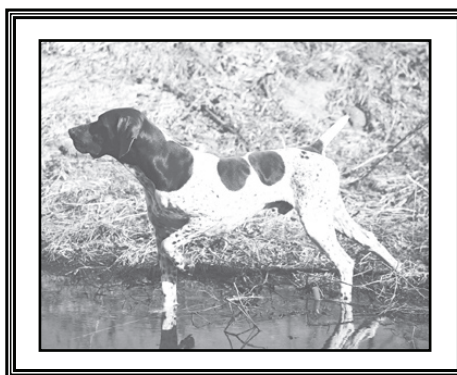
Wild turkey were reintroduced into Kansas in the 1960s. The program has been successful, and now the Rio Grande subspecies dominates the western two-thirds of the state.

Fall turkey hunting has grown in popularity over the years, wildlife officials say. Perhaps one the reasons is that hunters are allowed to use dogs in the fall season. In the spring turkey season, using dogs is forbidden.

The Kansas Department of Wildlife and Parks says the majority of fall turkey hunters use traditional methods. These include setting blinds near roosts, using decoys and calls to lure birds within shooting distance or using dogs to scatter turkey flocks and then calling birds into shotgun or gun range. Some hunters buy permits and game tags in case they bag a turkey while archery hunting for deer or upland bird hunting.

"Turkey populations are fair in the northwest Kansas area," wildlife section Chief Mike

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