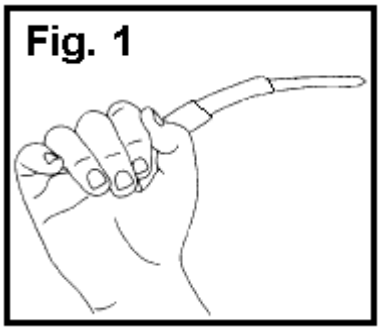
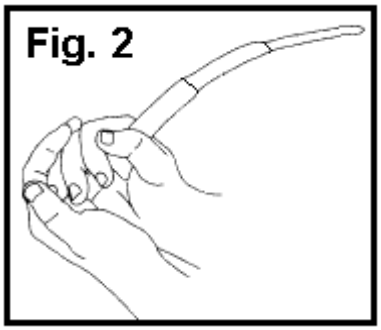
WING BONE YELPER

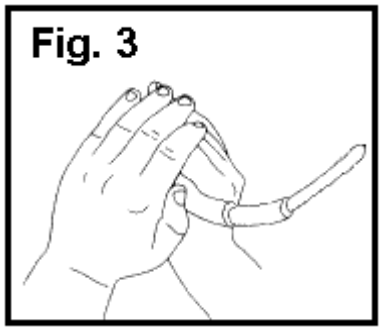
The wing bone yelper was probably one of the first turkey calls used by Native American Indians to call turkeys. The yelper consisted of the three bones of a turkey's wing cleaned, cut, and fitted and glued together. Larger bones make a deeper call, so it was often said that to call a big tom turkey, you should use a call made from the bones of a big tom turkey. For a smaller jake or hen turkey (with higher-pitched yelps), you would use a call made from their wing bones instead

INSTRUCTIONS

HOLDING THE CALL:
Place the large end of the yelper between your index finger and thumb like you're making an OK sign. Half-close your other fingers into a tube. (Fig. 1). For soft calling, this is enough. For medium calling, cup your other hand over the end, forming a sound chamber (Fig. 2). For loud calling, cup both hands around the end to form a megaphone to direct the call outwards (Fig. 3).







CALLING:
Moisten your lips, then place about 1/8" of the tip between your lips and suck in air to make a "smooching" sound (if you put the tip too far in, it won't work.) The tighter and more intense the kissing action, the louder the sound and higher pitched the tone.

TO MAKE:

- **Clucks** – Use a sharp, quick kissing action.
- **Yelps** – To create yelps, use a drawn out kissing action.
- **Cuttin'** - For cuttin', make loud and sharp clucking noises in an erratic pattern like "Cutt Cutt - Cutt - Cutt - Cutt Cutt - Cutt Cutt Cutt - Cutt Cutt - Cutt - Cutt - Cutt Cutt ".
- **Kee-Kees** – With tighter lips, use a stronger suction twice in a row, but DO NOT finish the kissing motions or you will get yelps. Repeat this 2 to 6 times.

Don't get discouraged. It takes a lot of time and practice to get the sounds right. If you can listen to turkey calls, it will help a lot.

CARING FOR YOUR CALL: If dirt or debris gets inside, just rinse it with water and let it air dry. Don't worry about rain — it's very waterproof.

WARNING: Do not run with the call in your mouth. A fall could cause choking or a puncture wound if the call breaks.

Adapted from instructions for the Primos Wing Bone Yelper, Model 348.