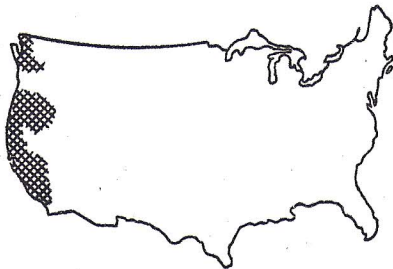


CALIFORNIA QUAIL

Lophortyx californica

The California quail includes (according to recent classification) four subspecies. Of these, the valley California quail (*L. californica californica*) has the widest range and is by far the best known. Its range extends from California to parts of Oregon, Washington, and Nevada. Another subspecies occurs in a narrow coastal strip in central and northern California, one is confined to Santa Catalina Island, and the fourth occurs in Inyo County and vicinity.

The habitat of this jaunty, plume-topped quail varies from chaparral-covered upland to foothill slopes and valley floors. It is the principal upland gamebird in California.

Specimens: 354	30	179	239
WINTER	SPRING	SUMMER	FALL
99%	95%	95%	99%

Animal food: The small percentage of animal food taken consists of a miscellany of insects, including ants and other *Hymenoptera*, beetles, grasshoppers, and crickets.

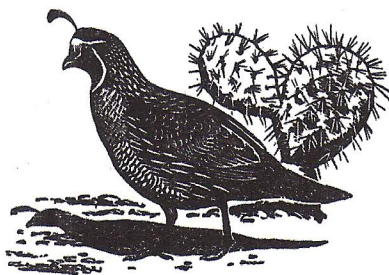
Plant food: In the late winter and spring, tender leaves, especially of burclover and filaree, constitute the major part of the diet. But in other seasons, seeds, particularly of legumes, are the staple food.

California, 802 (354-30-179-239)

- *** Filaree, sd. and lf. *SpSuFW*
- ** Turkeymullein *SpSuFW*
- ** Barley *SuFW*
- ** Clover *SpSuFW*
- ** Lupine *SpSuFW*
- ** Burclover, lf. and sd. *SpSuFW*
- ** Deervetch *SuFW*
- * Oak *FW*
- * Poison-oak *FW*
- * Star-thistle *F*
- * Pigweed *SuF*

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UPLAND GAMEBIRDS



- * Oats *SuF*
- * Ryegrass *SuF*
- * Bromegrass *SuFW*
- + Chickweed, Tarweed, Annual Bluegrass, Redmaids, Fiddleneck, Buttercup, Popcornflower, Gilia, Loco-

weed, Ceanothus, Toad-rush, Wild Strawberry

Nevada, 189 (102-27-35-25)

- *** Wheat *SuFWSp*
- *** Burclover, sd. and lf. *SuFWSp*
- ** Alfalfa, lf. and sd. *SuFWSp*
- ** Barley *SuFWSp*
- ** Bassia *FW*
- ** Poplar *Su*
- ** Sweetclover *FWSp*
- ** Corn *WSp*
- * Buffaloberry *SuFW*
- * Russianthistle *FWSp*
- * Bristlegrass *SuFW*
- * Locust, Black *FW*
- * Goosefoot *SuF*
- * Violet *Su*
- + Pigweed, Ricegrass, Tansymustard, Dandelion, Greasewood, Wildmillet

Reference: A Life History of the California Quail. Lowell E. Summer, Jr. *Calif. Fish and Game*, Vol. 21, pp. 167-256 and 275-342, 1935.