

Cover. Quail need cover for most activities and these birds are never found very far from it. Cover along fence rows, ditches or through old farm machinery is used as travel routes to feeding areas, as escape or loafing areas, and as roosting areas in shrubs or trees.

Water. Quail require water and a lack of it limits distribution of these birds. Quail never range very far from water.

MANAGEMENT SUGGESTIONS

1. Plant or protect suitable cover for quail so that food, cover, and water are closely arranged together.
2. Quail are attracted by choice foods planted or left after harvest near good quail cover.
3. Quail must have good cover and food during winter weather. In eastern Oregon, during unusually severe winter weather, it may be necessary to feed quail.
4. Hunting for quail is best after a large covey has been scattered, thus allowing the flushing of small groups or single quail. Quail are more difficult to hunt in the thick cover found in western Oregon.