

Inviting

# GAMBEL'S QUAIL

to Your Home



Gambel's Quail male

## Your Yard Is A Good Place For Gambel's Quail!

- **Urban natives:** they thrive in native plant gardens.
- **Fun neighbors:** they'll even nest in flower pots.
- **Desert habitat:** your yard becomes an extension of their native home. Get your neighbors to invite quail too!

Gambel's Quail eggs



## Gambel's Quail Are Good For Your Yard!

- **Free pest control:** they eat weed seeds and troublesome insects.
- **Family fun:** watch for the antics of their adorable babies.
- **Great wardrobe:** quail have striking colors and patterns in their feathers.
- **Chi-ca-ga-go!** just one of their plaintive calls that is unique to our desert.

Gambel's Quail chicks



Turn over for a **RECIPE** to bring **GAMBEL'S QUAIL** to your yard. Get more information at:

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# Recipe for Inviting **GAMBEL'S QUAIL** to Your Home

## **Ingredients:**

- Hiding places: bushes and shrubs
- Clean, fresh water
- Special treats: bird seed, chicken feed
- Natural foods: like those pictured below

Gambel's Quail chick drinking



Desert hackberry



Prickly pear



Catclaw acacia



Quailbush



Jojoba



Triangle-leaf bursage

## **Directions:**

- **Mix** open space and dense shrubs so quail can hide and feed safely.
- **Fill** a shallow dish with water near ground level. Scatter seed on ground under shrubs. Keep cats and dogs inside!
- **Feed** quail on schedule and watch as they arrive on time each day!
- **Create something larger:** If your neighbors also plant native shrubs, quail will use the whole area—one yard may not be enough!

Gambel's Quail female



Gambel's Quail family

*Find out more on attracting quail to your yard at:*