

# Covey Conservationist

## California Quail Habitat Helpers



Happy "Quail Rangers" planting trees.

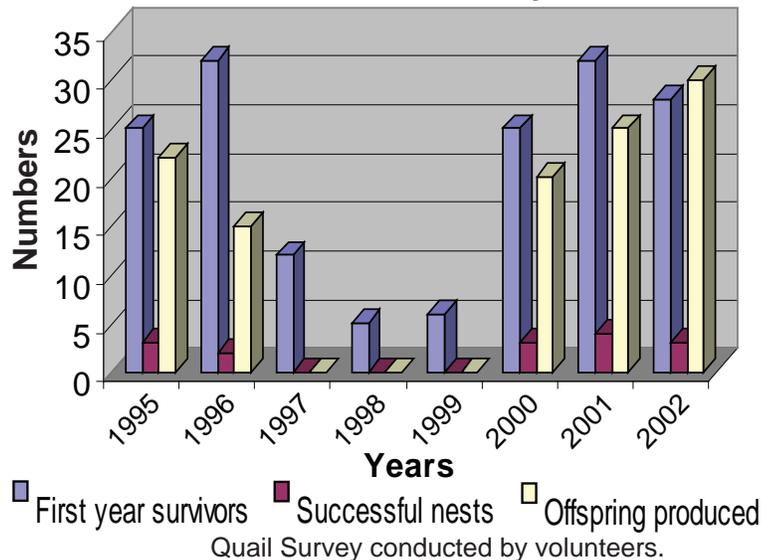
"Quail Rangers" of all ages are planting bird friendly vegetation, building brush piles, and conducting field surveys to aid quail and other treasured wildlife. In our area the ideal quail habitat is composed of quail bush, blackberry, chemise, California sage, and various oak tree species. Quail eat insects, seeds, leaves and berries. When visiting our parks, watch for quail as they scurry between protective bushes.



The future of quail is in your hand.

"Chicago – Chicago – Chicago" came quietly from a covey of quail now nestled tightly within a recently created brush pile. For the many wildlife volunteers gathered around, it is a fitting reward for their sweat-filled labor to enhance habitat conditions on our parklands. Why does the California quail need our help? Our state bird now appears on the Audubon Society's official state "Watch List". Feral cats are a threat to quail and other native wildlife.

### Quail Survival at Coyote Hills



Thanks to the efforts of the Regional Parks Foundation, Contra Costa County Fish and Wildlife Commission, East County Horsemen's Organization, Clorox Corporation, New United Motor Manufacturing, Stream International Charitable Contributions, Daughters of the American Revolution, and Native Daughters of the Golden West volunteers have the materials necessary to give quail a "wing-up". You too can help keep a healthy, thriving California quail population by sharing your time on this community-based program.

### *How you can make a tax-deductible donation to support the program:*

Please make check payable to the Regional Parks Foundation in support of the "Adopt-A-Quail Program" and send to the Regional Parks Foundation, P.O. Box 21074, Crestmont Station Oakland, CA 94620



For information or to become a Wildlife Volunteer call or email Dave "Doc Quack" Riensche, Wildlife Resource Analyst at [docquack@ebparks.org](mailto:docquack@ebparks.org) or call Doc Quack at (510) 544-2319.