

Nevada Hunting Season Forecast

Gambel's Quail – 2005

Southern Nevada



The Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) does not routinely conduct formal brood surveys of Gambel's quail. The data does not contribute to the regulatory process. However, NDOW recognizes that information about quail densities and production can be of value to the hunter in helping make the decision about venturing afield. The following table contains the collective observations of NDOW biologists, wardens and volunteers gathered from last spring to the present. Scores are reasonably estimated by the managing game biologists for the indicated areas. Please remember: this information does not predict hunter success. Game bird densities and distribution can be quickly influenced by a variety of natural and human-caused factors.

Area	Density Assessment:		Production Assessment:		Habitat Assessment:	
	Score/	Comments	Score/	Comments	Score/	Comments
Lincoln County	3	Numbers holding steady in Kane Springs valley and in the Mormons. Give the birds a break as they will be recovering from wildfires. Look for birds in the Hikos, Delamars east of Alamo and in the Pahrnagats.	3	Some young birds have been seen in the Mormons and in Kane Springs Valley near springs and guzzlers.	2	Delamars, Meadow Valleys, Clovers, and Mormons all suffered from wildfire this year. Habitat took a hit.
Clark County	4	Densities are up in Piute and Eldorado valleys near Nelson, Searchlight, and the Newberry Mts. above Laughlin	4	Biologists are seeing large numbers of young birds due to the abundance of water esp. in the Newberry Mts.	3	Desert washes are showing new growth on desert willow, mesquite, and acacia. Upland flats are still fairly dry, Mormons and Gold Buttes hit by fire this year
Southern Nye County	3	Look for quail in the North Spring Range and in the Bullfrog Hills near Beatty, also at Ash Meadows NWR	3	Some young birds seen in washes with lush vegetation, overall production not as pronounced as in Clark County	3	Good precipitation has resulted in measurable annual growth, mostly on grasses and forbs within sagebrush/blackbrush communities

Density Assessment Score: 0 (no birds observed) – **5** (total birds very abundant)

Production Assessment Score: 0 (no chicks observed) – **5** (chicks greatly outnumber adults)

Habitat Assessment Score: 0 (water, cover, forage missing) – **5** (water, cover, forage abundant)