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Animal Fact Sheet

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Gambel's Quail

Callipepla gambelii

Gambel's Quail is a small, plump bird native to the arid southwestern United States and parts of northern Mexico. Recognizable by its forward-curving black topknot and scaled belly, this ground-dwell…

Quick facts

Classification: Bird
Family: Odontophoridae
Habitat: Desert scrublands and arid regions
Diet: Omnivore
Conservation status: Least Concern
Lifespan: 1-4 years
Weight: 160-200 grams
Scientific name: Callipepla gambelii

Did you know?

- Despite living in dry deserts, Gambel's Quail can survive long periods without direct water, obtaining moisture from the food they eat.
- Gambel's Quail are named after 19th-century naturalist William Gambel. Their distinctive topknot of feathers is actually made up of six plume feather…

What I learned

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