

Birds

tips that are more visible while in flight; pale brownish-gray head, back, belly and upper wings with darker brown primaries; purplish iridescence on neck; long dark mark on lower face below eye; and a white edge along wing that becomes a broad white band in flight. Popular game bird and fast flyer.

White-tipped Dove

...may be hunted during open season. Slightly larger than white-winged dove; pale head and underparts; darker upper parts; cinnamon colored wing linings (under side); and large, long, squared tail with white outer tips. Generally seen as single bird flying close to ground.

Mourning Dove

...may be hunted during open season. They are named for their sad, long calls most often heard in the mornings. Medium sized, plump bird with a very thin neck and small head; black bill; pale buff-brown head, neck, breast and belly; purple and green iridescence on neck; small black mark on lower neck; medium brown back and upper wings with large black spots; and a long, dark brown, pointed at tip tail with white at ends. Generally seen in flights of one or two birds. Have a rapid wing beat that makes a distinctive "whistling" sound when it flies and an erratic flight path.

Band-tailed Pigeon (PROTECTED)

...may not be hunted at any time. Large, chunky dove; yellow bill with black tip; purplish head, foreneck and breast; dark gray back; pale gray belly and rump; scaly green iridescent neck marked with a white crescent on the back; and dark gray tail with wide pale gray terminal band that is medium in length and squared off at tip.

Red-billed Pigeon PROTECTED

...may not be hunted at any time. Small, slender dove with black bill; blue orbital ring; pale gray-brown body is darker on back and upper wings and is extensively scaly (including back and belly); cinnamon inner webs of primaries visible in flight and occasionally at rest; and a long tail slightly rounded at tip which is brown in the center with black edges and white outermost tail feathers.

Ground Dove PROTECTED

...may not be hunted at any time. Small, chunky dove; orange bill with black tip; back and upper wings are brownish gray; breast and head are scaly; black spots on wings with cinnamon wing linings; inner webs of primaries are cinnamon and visible in flight, sometimes at rest; and the short, slightly rounded at tip tail is brown in the center with black edges and white corners. Female: gray unscaled belly and pale gray head, neck and breast. Male: blue hind-neck and nape; pinkish unscaled belly; and pinkish-buff head, neck

and breast. Has rapid wingbeats and flies close to the ground.

Ruddy ground Dove

Small dove; grayish head; brownish pink underparts; rusty upper parts with black spots on wings (females are grayer); rusty patches in primaries visible in flight; blackish patch in wing linings; and short tail with black outer tail feathers. Rare bird.

Wild Turkey

Very large, small headed, round winged, long tailed, ground dwelling bird. Head is bluish and unfeathered with a reddish throat; dark breast, belly and upper back; iridescent bronze and green wings; barred primaries; and dark, fan-shaped tail with brown or buff band at tip. Male: larger head with wattle at throat; caruncled forehead; projection behind the bill; and more iridescent plumage.

Ring-necked Pheasant

Chunky, long tailed, round

winged, ground dwelling bird with a small head and thin neck. Male: green head with pale bill; red facial skin around eyes that is unfeathered; white ring around neck; golden plumage with bluish and greenish iridescence and black spots scattered throughout; long, pointed, golden tail feathers with black barring; and spurred legs. Female: buffy brown head and underparts; dark brown back with paler edging and centers; black spots and bars scattered about head, neck and flanks; long, buff-brown, pointed tail; and lacks spurs.

Bobwhite Quail

Small, chunky, short tailed, round winged, ground dwelling bird; slight crest at top of head; and pale belly. Male: white chin and supercilium; black cap, eye line, nape and throat; and reddish-brown body stippled with white and black spots. Female: buff throat and supercilium; dark cap,

eye line, nape and throat; reddish-brown body with darker back; and black and white streaks and chevrons about underparts and back.

Gambel's Quail

Small, chunky, short tailed, round winged, ground dwelling bird. Male: black, forward-tilting and teardrop shaped crest; black forehead and face, white border to face; chestnut crown; blue-gray nape, chest, back and upper wings; yellowish belly with black central portion; and rusty-brown flanks with white streaks. Female: short, curved, dark brown, teardrop shaped crest; gray head, chest, back and upper wings; chestnut flanks with white streaks; pale belly; and lacks black throat of male.

Scaled Quail

Small, chunky, short tailed, round winged, ground dwelling bird; gray-brown upper wings and

head with white tipped crest; blue-gray about neck, upper back and chest with black scaling; buff belly scaled with black (is chestnut on males in south Texas); and gray flanks with white streaks. Female: less conspicuous crest and dark brown streaks on sides of face and throat.

Montezuma (Mearns) Quail

Small stocky, round winged, ground dwelling bird with a short, rounded, brown tail. Male: bold black and white face pattern; buffy crest that projects backward over nape; belly dark brown; flanks and sides of breast gray with white spots; back brown with buffy streaks; and wings are brown with black spots. Female: plumage dull brown, darker on upper parts; semblance of face pattern of male but mottled brown and buff; and buff crest on nape.

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