

The Chinese Painted Quail

“The Button Quail”
Their Breeding and Care



All You Will Ever Need To Know
About This Popular Little Quail

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Preface

The Chinese Painted Quail (The Button Quail) - Their Breeding and Care, will be a welcome addition to libraries of the thousands of aviculturists that currently keep and enjoy the marvelous Chinese Painted Quail. This little bird is unique in many ways and is very popular among aviculturists that keep parrot-type birds as they fit well into most any environment. Until this book, there has been no combined source of information on the propagation of the Chinese Painted Quail. This book will be invaluable to the beginning breeder as well as to the more experienced breeder.

Dr. Leland B. Hayes is well qualified to write this book. His latest addition to the literature of upland game birds is a complete work entitled *Raising Game Birds* which along with his wife, Melba, was published in 1987. Other works include, *Basic Quail Propagation, A Basic Guide to Health and Common Diseases of Game Birds*, and many articles appearing in the *Game Bird Breeders Gazette*.

During more than 40 years of aviculture experience, many awards have been given to Dr. Hayes. He has received the coveted Aviculture Hall of Fame Award, the Dr. Gene Delacour Award. He is currently a Director

of America's most prestigious game bird organization, the American Game Breeders Cooperative Federation and was recently chosen to be President by the Board of Directors.

This book is a complete book on the subject. It is well organized for easy reading and later reference. The pages are filled with many tips and solid information the reader needs to know. One of the unique things about this book is the dozens of "Hints" that are found throughout each chapter. The four color plates and the black and white photographs will give the reader a good idea of the appearance of the several mutations developed in the Chinese Painted Quail.

We believe that everyone who keeps Chinese Painted Quail should have this book. The information will give not only the needed information to be successful, but will greatly enhance the enjoyment of keeping Chinese Painted Quail. This book is a must for those who want to get into the enjoyment of Chinese Painted Quail.

We highly endorse and recommend this book.

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CHAPTER 1

WHAT IS A CHINESE PAINTED QUAIL?

"What a cute little bird," exclaimed the lady in the pet store. "Can it live in the cage with my Cockatiels?" "What does it eat?" The questions to the pet store clerk go on and on. An isolated situation? No, not at all, it happens all the time. Also, more aviculturists are including this little bird in their collections.

This smart looking little quail which caught the eye of the lady in the pet shop is known as the **Button Quail** in America, or the **Chinese Painted Quail** in England and Europe. It's scientific name is *Coturnix chinensis* (L.). Many game bird breeders in the United States and Europe are now calling this quail the **Chinese Painted Quail** or the **Painted Quail**. It is also known in Asia and some parts of Europe as the

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