

# Ruddy Quail-Dove

**Scientific Name:** *Geotrygon montana*

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Columbiformes

**Family:** Columbidae



The Ruddy Quail Dove is approximately 9" in length. The male of this species is cinnamon in color and the female, a duller olive brown. Males have a double cheek stripe to distinguish it from the female. They are a shy and unobtrusive forest dove, mainly terrestrial walking with rapid steps and a bobbing head.

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## Range

South America, large range.

## Habitat

Often on the forest floor beneath fruiting trees where it eats fallen seeds and fruit.

## Gestation

The incubation for the eggs is approximately 11 days.

## Litter

Usually there are 2 eggs in the nest.

## Behavior

If surprised it may flush to a low branch. These birds fly fast with abrupt, bat like swerving, usually low over ground. The ruddy quail-dove has a distinctive cry, almost like a moaning. It is rather long and repeats in 3-5 second intervals.

## Reproduction

Breeding is from January to June.

## Wild Diet

Seeds and fruit