Bobscapes: WLFW Northern Bobwhite Mobile App
Frequently Asked Questions

What is this project about?

Northern Bobwhite have been experiencing precipitous declines throughout their range. Despite being one of the most well studied birds in North America, wildlife experts still don't have a good understanding of their distribution. We need everyone's help in collecting the data needed to better manage habitat for bobwhite and other grassland species in the central and eastern U.S.

In addition to other tools being developed, this new "Bobscapes" Mobile App will help researchers better understand population dynamics and help managers direct resources for habitat work to the areas where those investments will be most effective in recovering the species. Additionally, for those interested, the app will connect landowners to technical experts who can make habitat recommendations and share information on voluntary cost share programs. Lastly, the data provided will assist wildlife biologists in creating a national habitat network of "Bobwhite landscapes" necessary to ensure this species persists for future generations!

Who are the partners involved in this project?
Quail Forever (Dr. Jess McGuire jmcguire@quailforever.org), the University of Georgia, G.A.M.E Lab (Dr. James Martin martinj@warnell.uga.edu), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Working Lands for Wildlife (www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/working-lands-for-wildlife), and Ferguson Lynch (fergusonlynch.com).

Who can contribute to this project?
Anyone that hears or sees wild Northern Bobwhite and is interested in quail conservation and management! We hope to get sightings from every bobwhite state, public and private land.

How will the location data be used?
We are hoping this data will contribute to distribution and habitat modeling projects through UGA that will better inform where we need to focus conservation activities. Location data will be mapped internally for analysis, but at no time will data or maps be shared with the public. Data will be aggregated as "reports per state" in the app and on the website.

Where will the data be stored?
Ferguson Lynch and the University of Georgia G.A.M.E Lab will store the data securely. Quail Forever will distribute the data as described to wildlife agency state quail coordinators and Quail Forever private lands biologist. At no time will personal information be available to anyone outside of this project unless the contributor has explicitly asked for more information.

How will my personal data and email be used?
If you answered "yes" to "Do you want more information about Bobwhite?" or "yes" to "Want to learn more about Bobwhite cost share," your name and email will be shared with a Quail Forever or State Agency private lands biologist so they can reach out to you.

Who can access the data?
Only the official partners of this project: Quail Forever (Dr. Jess McGuire jmcguire@quailforever.org), the University of Georgia, G.A.M.E Lab (Dr. James Martin martinj@warnell.uga.edu), USDA's Natural Resources Conservation Service Working Lands for Wildlife (www.nrcs.usda.gov/programs-initiatives/working-lands-for-wildlife), and Ferguson Lynch (fergusonlynch.com).

Aren't you worried about "hot spotting?"
No. The exact location of your submission will not be shared with the public. It won't even be shared at the county level.

How do I learn more about the project?
You can visit https://landscapepartnership.org/networks/working-lands-for-wildlife/landscapes-wildlife/quail/bobscapes/

How do I learn more about the app?
Please visit https://bobscapes.org/access-mobile-app/mobile-app-how-to

Will my state wildlife agency have access to the data?
Yes. We will be coordinating with quail/ upland game coordinators to include the data in their monitoring. Your personal information will not be shared unless you specify you want technical assistance or cost share information. No data will be publicly available. If you would like to find out who your quail or small game coordinator is, please contact jmcguire@quailforever.org