



The Bobwhite is named after its call, Bob-white, or Poor-Bob-white. Once you have heard it you will know it is well named. These birds are more common in the South, though they seem to be spreading; more and more are seen in northern states. Bobwhites live and feed on the ground. When frightened, the small flocks rise and scatter to take cover.

Bobwhites eat both insects and plant food. They are fond of weed seeds and grain. Because they are valued as game birds, farmers often plant strips of bush clover along their fields in which the Bobwhites can hide and feed. Though Bobwhites are hunted, they have not decreased in number like other game birds. Good protection and ample food supply have helped them to survive. Sometimes many are killed by severe winter cold in the North.