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# Western Birds 'Compendium' Issues

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## Vol. 10, No. 6, July, 2012

**Carrizo Plain Region Special Issue:** This compendium compendium issue of the newsletter contains 50 guzzler locations in the Temblor and Caliente mountain ranges west of Maricopa and Taft. Includes locations of five stock tanks holding water in June, 2012, and how many of the guzzlers are in poor condition.

## Vol. 13, No. 6, Jan. 2020

**UPDATED! Special West Mojave Compendium Issue:** This is an expanded and updated West Mojave Special Issue with all of the 50 guzzlers in Barstow to Apple Valley region. It has locations of two guzzlers never mapped before and includes updated information on the guzzlers originally mapped in the first West Mojave issue, Vol. 7, No. 4-5, and some guzzlers mapped in Vol 13, No. 1; Vol. 12, No. 5; and Vol 7, No. 5-6. It also has updated information on all the hunter-conservation groups keeping Southern California guzzlers repaired and filled.

## Vol. 14, No. 5, December 2020

**Bradshaw Trail Special Issue:** A new complete guide to all of the 24 springs and guzzlers across the Chuckwalla Bench along the Bradshaw Trail from Palo Verde to Indio. (Includes guzzler information from Vol. 9, No. 6 and Vol. 14, No. 4.) Latest information on if quail need surface water to survive. Story on Sonoran pronghorn coming to Chuckwalla Bench.

## Vol. 15, No. 3, July 2022

**Cajon Pass Special Issue:** Revisiting all of the 17 guzzlers in Cajon Pass. Issue contains detailed

hunting information, updates on the guzzlers' status, and maps and GPS locations in this big issue. Also updated information on the four Juniper Flats-Bowen Ranch area guzzlers and the springs in this area east of Hesperia. Information on a bill that threatens the Pittman-Robertson Act wildlife funding.

## Vol. 15, No. 6, June, 2023

**UPDATED! Special Red Mountain Region Compendium Issue:** Remaps and provides precise coordinates for all 71 of the guzzlers in the Rand and El Paso mountain ranges south of Ridgecrest and Inyokern. The area covered is on both sides of Highway 395 but east of Highway 14. It also has news and updates on waterfowl hunting at Lake Perris State Recreation Area and San Jacinto Wildlife Area.

## Vol 16, No. 4, November, 2023

**Scodie Mountain Region Compendium Issue:** A special issue covering all 46 guzzlers in the greater Scodie Mountain region of the southern Sierra Nevada

with 13 quad maps and GPS coordinates for all the guzzlers. The area covered is all the public land between Highway 14 on the east, Lake Isabella on the west, Jawbone Canyon on the south and Freeman Canyon (Highway 178) on the north). Information on the DFW limiting access to the Canebrake Ecological Reserve for no reason.

## Vol. 17, No. 3, March, 2025

**UPDATED! Mojave Preserve Special Compendium Issue:** A special revised an updated Mojave Preserve issue (replaces Vol. 6, Nos. 4 & 5 and Vol. 9, No. 5) with all the 135-plus guzzlers in the preserve. Coordinates in this issue are all precise (unlike those the previous two editions, which were off as much as a mile because of mis-marking on master maps). The issue has a detailed map and information on hunting the Wild Horse Canyon region of the Preserve. Also stories on the Castle Mountains National Monument's no-hunting policy, and a Last Page story on hunting with an old 16-gauge for a whole season.





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## 2025 Quail Calls & Pricing

*Jim Matthews Signature Calls* are available for all species of quail in the United States — valley, Gambel's, scaled, mountain, Mearn's, and bobwhite quail. For valley, Gambel's, and scaled quail, the calls are made with rubber bands as the "reed," and a single call may be used for all three species because of tonal overlap. They are available in stick and chamber call designs. Mountain, Mearn's, and bobwhite quail are whistle calls, with the mountain and Mearn's quail using the same pitch whistles, while the bobwhite quail are higher pitched.

The custom line of calls features nice hardwoods and top-shelf fit and finish. The Heirloom custom line features better grade woods with more color, grain, and figure. Wood upgrades are available in this line along with other features that increase the cost and appeal of the call. The Legacy custom line is our multi-species quail call, featuring whistles and rubber band calls for hunter-specified species.

Call pricing is below. *There is a \$15 per-order shipping fee added to these prices.*

### *The Custom Line*

#### **Custom Stick Calls** \$90

This is a basic rubber band call that will last a lifetime. It will work for valley, Gambel's, and scaled quail. Many hunters never feel the need for anything more. They are made in limited batches each year, announced on my social media sites and Etsy store when completed.

#### **Custom Chamber Calls** \$110

This rubber band call has a sound chamber built into the call to give it more resonance and versatility. When blown from the opposite side, it is like a stick call. This gives the call two different voices. I jokingly call these "the perfect call." I try to always keep some in stock. They are usually made species-specific. In other words, they are made and tuned for valley, Gambel's, or scaled quail, but the call will work for all three species when used by experienced callers.

#### **Custom Whistle Call** \$110

This is a whistle call made for bobwhite quail, Mearn's quail, or mountain quail that will last a lifetime. The mountain

quail call will also work for Mearn's quail. They are made from nice grade wood.

### *The Heirloom Line*

#### **Heirloom Chamber Calls** \$130

This is the everything-custom rubber band call. It has figured and/or richly colored wood and often have unique shapes, sizes, and features. They are truly one-of-a-kind calls that will last several lifetimes.

#### **Heirloom Whistle Call** \$130

This is the heirloom version of the whistle call with higher grade wood, often with contrasting wood caps. Wood is often collected in the field (without a price upgrade), or it can be made with wood supplied by the customer.

### *The Legacy Line*

#### **Legacy Two-Way Calls** \$260

These custom calls feature a rubber-band chamber call combined with a whistle call for situations where two species may be encountered on the same hunt. They are usually made with valley and mountain quail calls in the same piece, but I have made other combinations, including some three-way calls. This line of calls are mostly made to order, but I usually make a small handful each year for inventory, but they are usually sold the day they are posted on my social media and Etsy pages

### *Call Options*

Additional custom options are available on all three call lines. These are some popular options and how much they add to the cost of the custom call:

*Leather Lanyard* plus \$20

*Shotgun Shell Head* plus \$40 per shell

*Wood Upgrades, Laminates, Field-Cut* plus up to \$100

*Knot and/or Crack Fill (usually brass)* plus \$20-\$50

Call Jim Matthews for more information or to place an order.