

Habitat Photo Points

Texas Quail Index

Summary: Observers will take a pair of photographs from each mile marker, at right angles to the road. These photographs will be evaluated by D. Rollins and assigned a "Habitat Quality Rating" from 1 to 10 for each mile marker.

Purpose: An average habitat quality rating will be computed for each demonstration site. These numbers will be correlated with quail abundance estimates.

Supplies:

35mm camera

Color print film

Enamel marker board, small blackboard, or clipboard and marker

Methods:

- 1) A pair of photographs will be obtained for each mile marker. Photographs should be taken at right angles to the road.
- 2) Have assistant step away from road a total of 10 steps and hold up enamel board depicting what station is being photographed (e.g., Mile 4-1) would indicate the first of 2 photographs taken at station 4. Second (on opposite side of road) would be "4-2"). Make numbers large enough and dark enough to be legible in photograph. Minimize glare on marker board as necessary.
3. Repeat until all 11 stations are recorded; should be a total of 22 photographs.
4. Request "double prints" when you get film processed. Write on the back of the print with a Sharpie pen the cooperators' name and/or county name. Send one complete set of prints to Dale Rollins; retain other set for your notebook.
5. D. Rollins will assign ratings and return information to you for each photograph.