



# Wild Know-How

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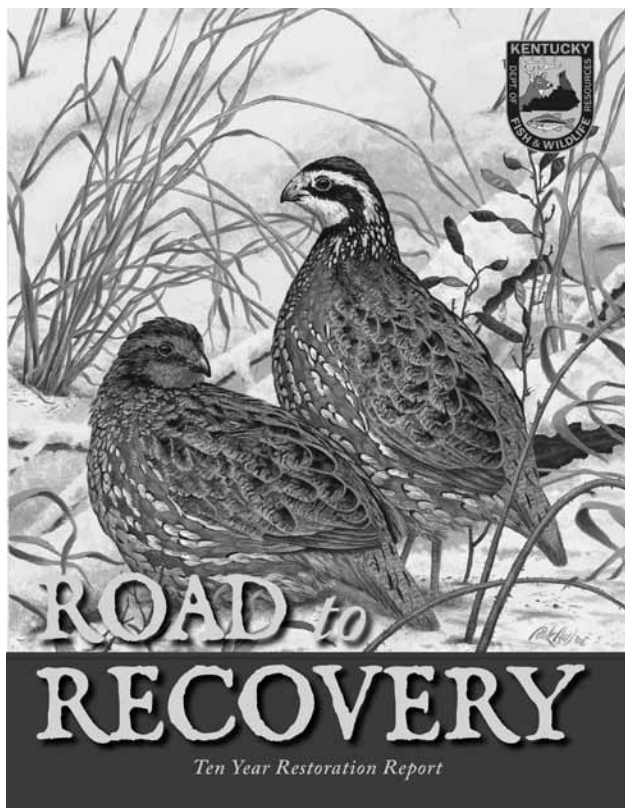
## Final Quail Plan Released

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The statewide comprehensive plan to recover the northern bobwhite in Kentucky has ended. In 2008, Small Game Program Coordinator John Morgan and Small Game Program Biologist Ben Robinson created a first-of-its-kind document in the *Road to Recovery* to address the precipitously declining quail popula-

tion in the state. The initial document laid out, in great detail, the steps required to restore Kentucky's cherished gamebird. Over the following 5 years, great strides were made in the effort to restore quail in the state. *The Road to Recovery Benchmark Report* detailed the accomplishments of the first 5 years of the original plan. The next and last 5 years of the plan have also seen its fair share of successes along with some failures as well.

The final plan, titled *The Road to Recovery Ten Year Restoration Report* was completed in the summer of 2020. This document seeks to capstone the plan and attempts to report on all of the successes and failures of the entire 10-year restoration plan. The final plan installment reports on every goal and strategy sought in the original *Road to Recovery*. This attempt at full accountability of all the goals outlined 10 years ago is unique to many state plans for



KENTUCKY  
QUAIL  
PROJECT

### FALL CHECKLIST

#### September

- Order tree and shrub seedlings.
- Spray herbicide to kill fescue.
- Sow clover and cool season grasses.
- Prepare firebreaks and seed to winter wheat.

#### October - November

- Leave a portion of crops standing all winter for wildlife.
- Leave food plots fallow for two years (minimum).
- Plan for next year's projects.
- Do not fall-plow crop fields
- Order catalogs for seedlings, shrubs, or seed for spring.
- Flood moist soil management units.

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