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The age of Breeding in the Stubble Quail and Japanese Quail

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Among Stubble Quail *Coturnix novaezealandiae pectoralis* collected in late summer and autumn 1968 and 1969 in the Mudgee district, N.S.W. there were young birds still showing some juvenile plumage and which were apparently breeding or had done so. Morris and Kurtz (1977) stated that when heavy rain in this district produced a growth of grass on the stubble fields at a rate faster than stock could eat it down, the number of button quail *Turnix* spp. built up. They also observed this for Stubble Quail (pers. comm.).