

MANAGING VEGETATION FOR QUAIL AND UPLAND BIRDS, PERSPECTIVE FROM QUAIL UNLIMITED. Jef Hodges, Wildlife Habitat Consultant, Clinton, MO 64735.

Northern bobwhite and upland bird habitat is generally characterized as diverse herbaceous cover dominated by grasses and interspersed bare ground with low growing shrubby cover adjacent. Current threats to quail and upland bird habitat are succession, monocultures, invasive species, loss and fragmentation. Management requires techniques that maintain or create the general habitat requirements. Mechanical and chemical methods as well as cultural practices and political policy are necessary to preserve and produce appropriate habitat.