

# MEET OUR ANIMALS

## Introducing: Japanese Quails



Japanese Quails, also known as *Coturnix Japonica*, is from East Asia. They are larger than the standard quail weighing approximately 100-160g depending on whether they are male or female- the females being slightly heavier. They also have different colouring between the male and female- the female being lighter with dark spots especially on their chest and the male being darker with no spots.

### Did you know?

- Japanese Quail live for about 2-2 ½ years
- In their first year females can lay up to 200 eggs
- Japanese quail generally don't nest like other birds. They lay their eggs everywhere and even under things
- Japanese quail eggs are a mottled brown colour
- Each female (hen) lays eggs of a specific pattern and colour
- Many Japanese Quails are kept in aviaries to 'clean up' any dropped seed from the floor. This is why we have them here, and of course, they are quite pretty to look at.

### Our Secret

Japanese quails have a very distinctive trilling call. If you stay around the aviary long enough you will hear it and you won't fail to notice it. It is very different to all the other chirping birds in our aviary.