

The Ruffed Grouse - 60-Second – Captioned for the Visually Impaired

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ANNOUNCER: (V.O.):

[Ruffed grouse flapping its wings]

The ruffed grouse, commonly known as the partridge, is to be found in most hardwood areas in North America.

[Ruffed grouse nest with eggs]

One of the best camouflaged birds, the grouse occurs in many farm woodlots in Eastern Canada and aspen groves in the west.

[Ruffed grouse walking in the forest]

Grouse do not migrate, and in the winter they usually sleep in the trees or in deep snow. Their food consists of insects, seeds, buds, and berries.

As many as 11 eggs are laid. The chicks remain in the nest only a few hours after hatching. As soon as they're dried off and the weather is clear, the mother and the brood leave the nest.

[Ruffed grouse chick walking on a branch]

For a more complete story on the ruffed grouse, why not contact the Canadian Wildlife Service in Ottawa.