



# Blue Grouse

*(Dendragapus obscurus)*

The blue grouse is a woodland mountain bird, found in the foothills of deciduous forests of the montane and in the alpine zones. During the spring the males establish a lek or dancing area to attract females. The grayish-blue grouse is also sometimes called a “fool grouse” because of its habit of “freezing” to avoid detection rather than fleeing. In the spring, the males inflate the large reddish air sac on their necks to create loud sounds and make drumming sounds with their wings to attract females.