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Happy Father's Day From everyone at The Bird Rescue Center

Though there are some bird species where mom does most of the work and for most species both parents are invested in the offspring... In our area, one male sentinel is a prominent figure of his family—the California Quail. He stands guard (almost regally) over his family while they eat and play, questioning everything around him with his top-notch.

Quail babies are starting to make an appearance in our rehab hospital. At first we only had 1 orphan and 1 adult domestic quail was brought in as a classic case of unknown identification. We asked if we could borrow the adult to keep the little one company after calling around to all surrounding centers and no one had a buddy for the little orphan. Luckily he adopted the orphan to show it how to eat on its own and protecting it. Now we have more native species and the foster parent will be joining a forever home.

If you hear the famous 'Chi-ca-go' call in your area, you can bet you have a quail family nearby. Look out for a soft-ball with a question on a higher perch protecting his family and enjoy them in your area, but beware of getting too close and scattering the babies. If you find a separated baby and no family in sight it's welcome to our growing flock, thanks to our initial foster dad for providing company to our first few orphans. So for all the father figures out there, Happy Father's Day!

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