

Coturnix coturnix

COMMON QUAIL

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** (Depleted)

Criteria Large historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

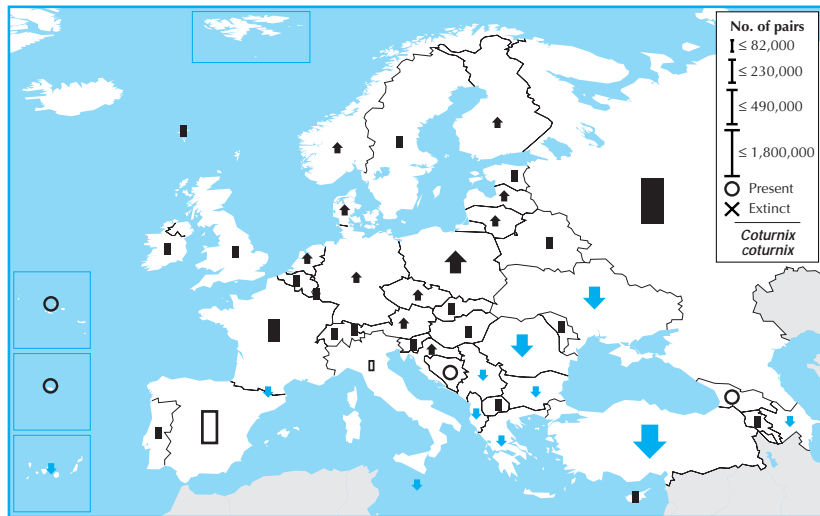
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Coturnix coturnix is a widespread summer visitor to much of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>2,800,000 pairs) and fluctuates, but underwent a large decline during 1970–1990, especially in central and eastern Europe. Although the species increased in northern and central Europe during 1990–2000, declines continued in south-eastern Europe, and the total population size probably remains below the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	800 – 1,500	96–02	(–)	(30–49)	
Andorra	6 – 12	98	–	20–29	1,3
Armenia	16,500 – 24,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Austria	(5,000 – 15,000)	98–02	(+)	(20–29)	
Azerbaijan	(10,000 – 50,000)	96–00	(–)	(20–29)	
Belarus	15,000 – 30,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	2,400 – 5,700	01–02	(0)	(0–19)	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	8,000 – 15,000	95–02	–	0–19	
Croatia	(10,000 – 15,000)	02	(+)	(50–79)	70,16,54
Cyprus	(1,000 – 4,000)	94–02	(0)	(0–9)	
Czech Rep.	5,000 – 10,000	00	+	50–79	
Denmark	200 – 600	00–01	+	>80	4,5,6,7
Faroe Is.	0 – 1	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	(10 – 5)	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	(10 – 100)	98–02	+	500	
France	(100,000 – 500,000)	00	(F)	(20–29)	1,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	12,000 – 32,000	95–99	(+)	(0–19)	
Greece	(2,000 – 5,000)	95–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Hungary	70,000 – 94,000	99–02	(0)	(0–19)	19
Rep. Ireland	0 – 20	88–91	F	20–29	
Italy	(5,000 – 20,000)	03	?	–	
Latvia	20 – 500	90–00	+	>80	22,2
Liechtenstein	5 – 20	98–00	(F)	(–)	
Lithuania	(1,000 – 2,000)	99–01	+	30–49	20
Luxembourg	10 – 25	02	0	0–19	
Macedonia	2,000 – 3,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Malta	1 – 3	90–02	–	30–49	1
Moldova	3,500 – 4,500	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	2,000 – 6,500	98–00	+	64	1
Norway	(50 – 300)	02	+	0–19	
Poland	100,000 – 150,000	00–02	(+)	(–)	23,111
Portugal	(5,000 – 50,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azores	Present	02	?	–	
Madeira	Present	02	?	–	
Romania	160,000 – 220,000	99–02	(–)	(0–19)	48
Russia	1,500,000 – 2,000,000	00	F	30–49	8,35
Serbia & MN	10,000 – 15,000	90–02	–	10–29	1,172a,67a,143a,227,155
Slovakia	2,000 – 6,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	1,000 – 2,000	99	0	0–19	
Spain	(320,000 – 435,000)	92	?	–	13,12,16,10
Canary Is.	(2,500 – 10,000)	97–03	(–)	(0–19)	28,25
Sweden	(10 – 40)	99–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Switzerland	1,500 – 2,000	93–96	F	30–49	
Turkey	(300,000 – 800,000)	01	(–)	(20–29)	
Ukraine	100,000 – 160,000	90–00	–	0–19	
UK	(5 – 450)	96–00	0	1	
Total (approx.)	2,800,000 – 4,700,000				
Breeding range	>6,000,000 km²				
		Overall trend	Fluctuating		
		Gen. length.	<3.3 % Global pop. 5–24		
			(See p. 99, bottom, for data quality graph)		