

Tetrao tetrix BLACK GROUSE

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

Criteria Large historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

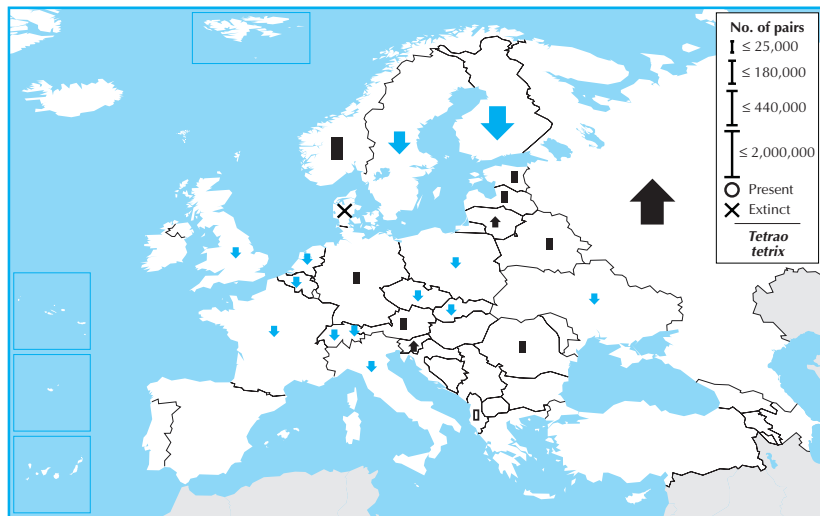
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Tetrao tetrix is a widespread resident in northern Europe, occurring more patchily further south, with Europe accounting for less than half of its global range. Its European breeding population is very large (>2,500,000 pairs), but declined substantially between 1970–1990. Although most populations continued to decline during 1990–2000, the species increased in its Russian stronghold, and probably only underwent a slight decline overall. Nevertheless, its total population size clearly remains far below the level that preceded its decline, and consequently it is evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	(0 – 50)	02	?	–	
Austria	10,000 – 15,000	98–02	0	0–19	
Belarus	20,000 – 30,000	97–00	0	0–19	
Belgium	15 – 30	01–03	–	30–49	1
Czech Rep.	800 – 1,000	00	–	50–79	
Denmark	0 – 0	01	–	X	4,5,6,7
Estonia	8,000 – 12,000	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	350,000 – 550,000	98–02	–	15	
France	7,000 – 11,000	98–02	–	0–9	4
Germany	1,100 – 1,600	95–99	0	0–19	
Italy	8,000 – 10,000	97–03	–	0–19	8
Latvia	5,000 – 10,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23,12
Liechtenstein	40 – 70	98–00	–	10–19	
Lithuania	2,000 – 3,000	99–01	+	20–29	20
Netherlands	15 – 23	98–00	–	46	1
Norway	100,000 – 200,000	92–02	0	0–19	8
Poland	800 – 900	97–99	–	50–79	40,41,42
Romania	60 – 80	98–02	(F)	(20–29)	4
Russia	1,850,000 – 2,150,000	00	+	0–19	97,169
Slovakia	200 – 300	80–99	–	50–79	
Slovenia	1,000 – 2,000	94	(+)	(0–19)	
Sweden	150,000 – 200,000	99–00	–	40–49	
Switzerland	7,500 – 10,000	93–96	–	0–9	
Ukraine	1,600 – 3,000	90–00	–	30–49	
UK	5,000 – 8,100	95–96	–	74	13

Total (approx.) Breeding range 2,500,000 – 3,200,000 >4,000,000 km²

Overall trend Small decline
Gen. length. 4 % Global pop. 25–49

2000 population

29

71

1990 population

81

18

Data quality (%) – *Tetrao tetrix*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium □ good

1990–2000 trend

8

92

1970–1990 trend

81

18