

Turnix sylvatica

SMALL BUTTONQUAIL



SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** Critically Endangered

Criteria See IUCN below

European IUCN Red List Category CR

Criteria D1

Global IUCN Red List Category —

Criteria —

Turnix sylvatica has a predominantly African and Asian distribution, which just extends into Europe in southernmost Spain. Its European population is extremely poorly known, but probably numbers no more than a few pairs. Although its trend during 1990–2000 was unknown, the species declined substantially between 1970–1990, and has virtually disappeared from Europe. As a consequence of its tiny population, it is evaluated as Critically Endangered.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Spain	0 – 1	98–02	?	–	10,16
Total (approx.)	0 – 1	Overall trend Unknown			
Breeding range	<100 km ²	Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. <5			

2000 population

100

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) – *Turnix sylvatica*

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

100

1970–1990 trend

100

2000 population

33

61

6

1990 population

49

49

Data quality (%) – *Colurnix colurnix* (see p. 98, bottom)

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

11

34

55

1970–1990 trend

12

35

48

5

2000 population

20

20

60

1990 population

13

76

9

Data quality (%) – *Phasianus colchicus* (see p. 99, top)

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

37

7

56

1970–1990 trend

9

24

58

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