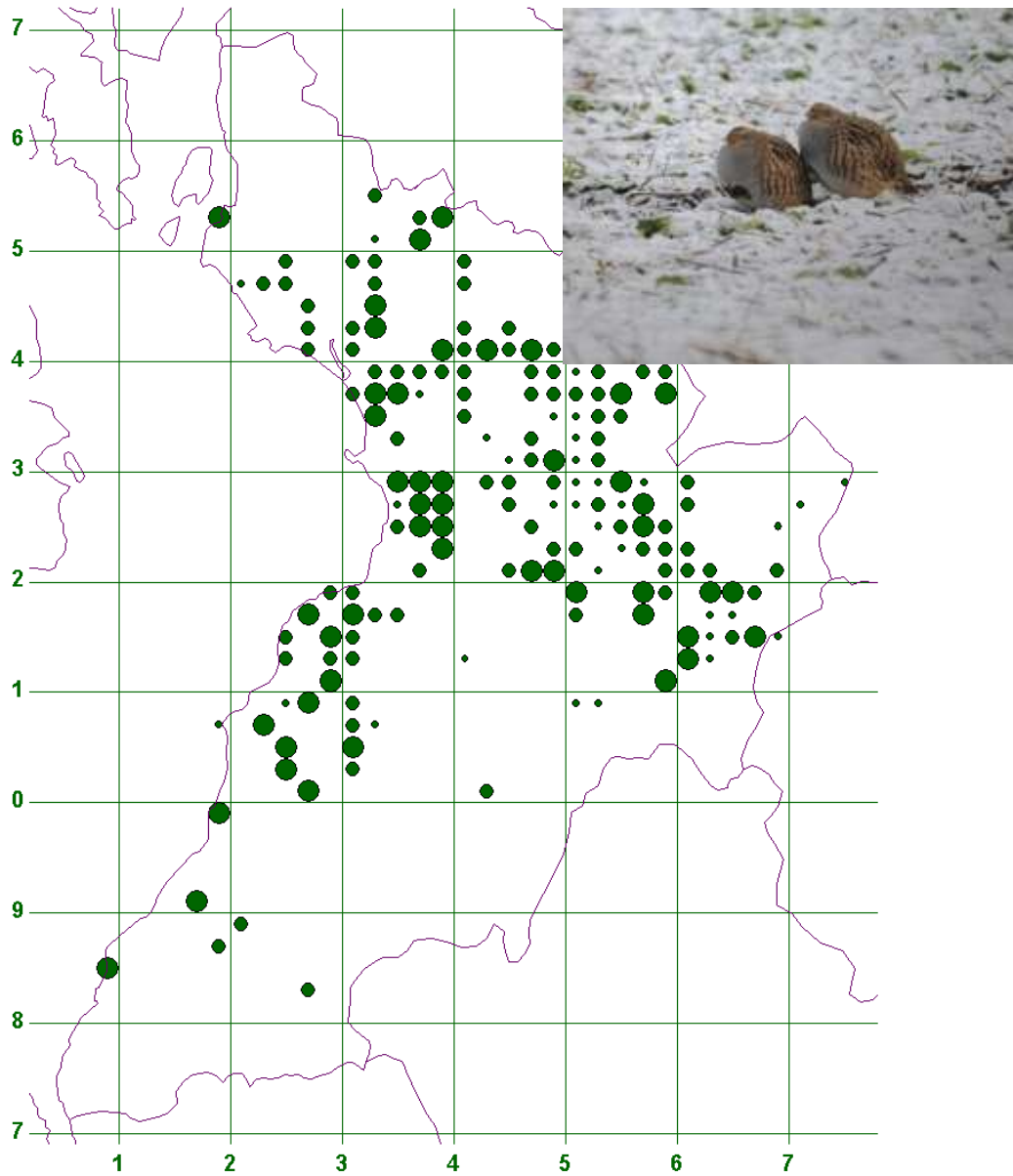


## Grey Partridge (*Perdix perdix*)



**Status:** Scarce breeder.

**Current trend:** Grey Partridge has experienced a serious, and rapid decline over much of its former breeding range. The reasons for this lie mostly in changes in farming practice, but the recent introduction of Red-legged Partridge (a non-native species in Scotland) by shooting interests has not helped. Most breeding birds recorded in recent years have been along the coast south of Ayr or in areas such as Sandyford, where coveys are still regularly recorded. There may well be other inland strongholds, but current records are few.

**Follow up:** More survey work is needed to ascertain the current distribution of this gamebird.