

Gray Partridge

Perdix perdix

Historical Information

Thousands of Gray Partridges were released in Indiana early in the twentieth century and until World War II this species flourished, especially in eastern portions of the state. Following the war, changes in farming practices resulted in the disappearance of this species in Indiana (Mumford and Keller 1984). For more details about this species' distribution in the mid-twentieth century see Wright (1966)

Status

Physical Evidence: specimens are housed in museums as listed in the Status Table (S.F. Jackson unpublished list, J.B. Dunning unpublished computer list, and Richards 1987).

STATUS TABLE	
Specimens	
Museum	No.
National Museum of Natural History	4*
Indiana State Museum	2
Purdue Univ. Wildlife Laboratory	5
*includes one egg	

Current Status

This introduced species is now extirpated in Indiana. The last sightings occurred during the years 1975-1977 in Adams, Allen, LaGrange, and Noble Counties (Mumford and Keller 1984).

Gray Partridge Data

Maximum Single Party Counts				
Entire State				
Number	Date	Location	Observer	Ref.
36	19-Sep-1931	Jay Co	???	REM
30	23-Jul-1931	Jay Co	???	REM
15	18-Mar-1960	St Joseph Co	K.P. Able	REM
15	11-Nov-1963	Clinton Co	???	REM
14	31-Dec-1953	Wayne Co	W.H. Buskirk	REM
14	07-Nov-1963	Tipton Co	???	REM
14	24-Sep-1965	Hamilton Co	???	REM

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