Brown quail



The **brown quail** (*Synoicus ypsilophorus*), also known as the **swamp quail**, **silver quail** and **Tasmanian quail**, is an [Australasian](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Australasia) true [quail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Quail) of the family [Phasianidae](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Phasianidae). It is a small, ground-dwelling bird and is native to mainland Australia, Tasmania and Papua New Guinea and has been introduced to New Zealand and Fiji. Widespread and common throughout its large range, the brown quail is evaluated as being of "[least concern](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Least-concern_species)" by the [International Union for Conservation of Nature](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/International_Union_for_Conservation_of_Nature) on the [IUCN Red List of Threatened Species](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/IUCN_Red_List).

## **Taxonomy**

Although previously classified in the genus [*Coturnix*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Coturnix), phylogenetic analyses have found it to form a monophyletic grouping with several other quail species, all of which have since been grouped in the genus [*Synoicus*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Synoicus). It is thought to be the [sister species](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Sister_group) to the [Snow Mountain quail](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Snow_Mountain_quail) (*S. monorthonyx*), which was previously classified in the genus [*Anurophasis*](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Anurophasis).[[2]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown_quail#cite_note-:0-2)[[3]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown_quail#cite_note-3)[[4]](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brown_quail#cite_note-4)

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