

## Pheasant and their relatives

The photos below show pheasants and their closest relatives: partridge, quail, and grouse. The table shows how various characteristics differ between these groups of birds.



Female and male **Gray Partridge**  
- *Perdix perdix*. By Paul Higgins.



Male and female **California Quail**. By Jim Sedgwick.



Male and female **Ring-necked Pheasants**.  
By ChrisO.



Male and female **Greater Sage-grouse**.  
By Bill Schiess.

Trait	Partridge	Quail	Pheasant	Grouse
Lower jaw	Smooth	Toothed	Smooth	Smooth
Male mating strategy	Single mate	Single mate	Many mates	Many mates
Differences between sexes	Slight	Slight	Pronounced	Pronounced
Average clutch size (number of eggs laid in a single brood)	4-16	10-15	1-12	5-12
Waltzing display	Yes	No	Yes	No