

# Motacilla flava

## YELLOW WAGTAIL

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

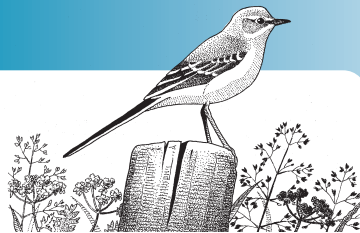
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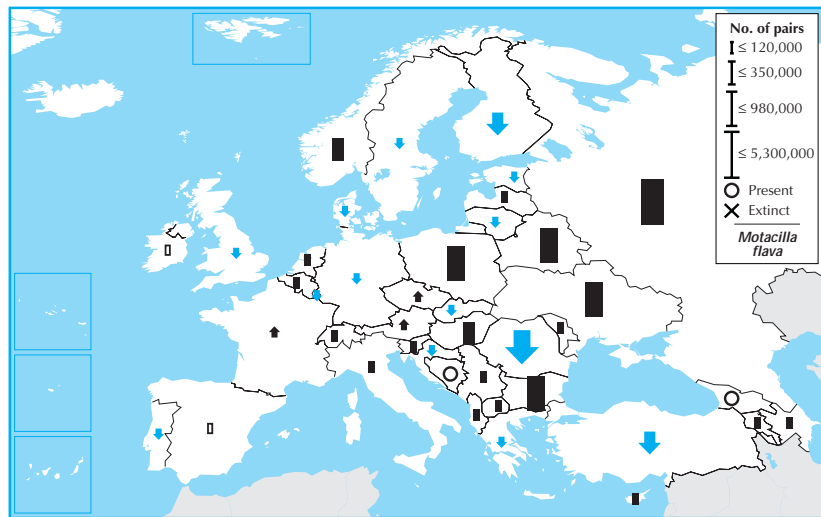
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*Motacilla flava* is a widespread summer visitor to most of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>7,900,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were widespread declines—most notably in Romania—during 1990–2000, other key populations (such as those in Russia, Belarus, Poland, Ukraine and Bulgaria) were stable, and the species probably underwent only a slight decline overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	2,000 – 5,000	96-02	0	0-19	
Armenia	33,000 – 150,000	99-02	0	0-19	
Austria	400 – 700	98-02	+	20-29	
Azerbaijan	(20,000 – 200,000)	96-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Belarus	470,000 – 530,000	97-02	0	0-19	
Belgium	10,000 – 20,000	01-02	0	0-19	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90-03	?	–	
Bulgaria	500,000 – 1,000,000	96-02	0	0-19	
Croatia	(1,000 – 5,000)	02	(-)	(50-79)	70,16
Cyprus	(10 – 40)	94-02	(0)	(0-9)	
Czech Rep.	800 – 1,600	00	+	30-49	
Denmark	5,000 – 10,000	00	(-)	(30-49)	12,3
Estonia	10,000 – 20,000	98	–	20-29	1
Finland	250,000 – 400,000	98-02	–	<b>50</b>	
France	(60,000 – 240,000)	98-02	+	<b>68</b>	4,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	73,000 – 115,000	95-99	–	20-29	
Greece	(10,000 – 20,000)	95-00	(-)	(0-19)	
Hungary	<b>150,000 – 225,000</b>	99-02	0	0-19	19
Rep. Ireland	2 – 2	88-91	?	–	
Italy	(20,000 – 40,000)	03	(0)	(0-19)	
Latvia	10,000 – 25,000	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	23,16
Lithuania	(20,000 – 30,000)	99-01	(-)	(30-49)	20
Luxembourg	<b>50 – 70</b>	00-02	–	<b>&gt;80</b>	
Macedonia	(10,000 – 20,000)	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Moldova	10,000 – 12,000	90-00	0	0-19	
Netherlands	<b>40,000 – 50,000</b>	98-00	<b>0</b>	<b>6</b>	1
Norway	(100,000 – 500,000)	90-02	(0)	(0-19)	46
Poland	<b>400,000 – 800,000</b>	00-02	0	0-19	23
Portugal	(5,000 – 50,000)	02	(-)	(-)	
Romania	800,000 – 1,200,000	97-02	–	0-19	48
Russia	4,000,000 – 7,000,000	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	114,32,57,122
Serbia & MN	20,000 – 25,000	90-02	0	0-19	1,29,172a,67a,155,78,225,227
Slovakia	2,500 – 4,000	80-99	–	30-49	
Slovenia	300 – 400	00	0	0-19	
Spain	(20,000 – 100,000)	98-02	?	–	10
Sweden	80,000 – 170,000	99-00	–	<b>55</b>	
Switzerland	<b>150 – 200</b>	93-96	F	20-29	
Turkey	(200,000 – 600,000)	01	(-)	(0-19)	
Ukraine	535,000 – 740,000	90-00	0	0-19	
UK	<b>11,500 – 26,500</b>	00	–	<b>50-79</b>	5,31

Total (approx.) Breeding range 7,900,000 – 14,000,000 >7,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>

Overall trend Small decline  
Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. 25-49  
(See p. 193, bottom, for data quality graph)