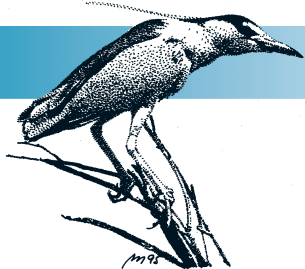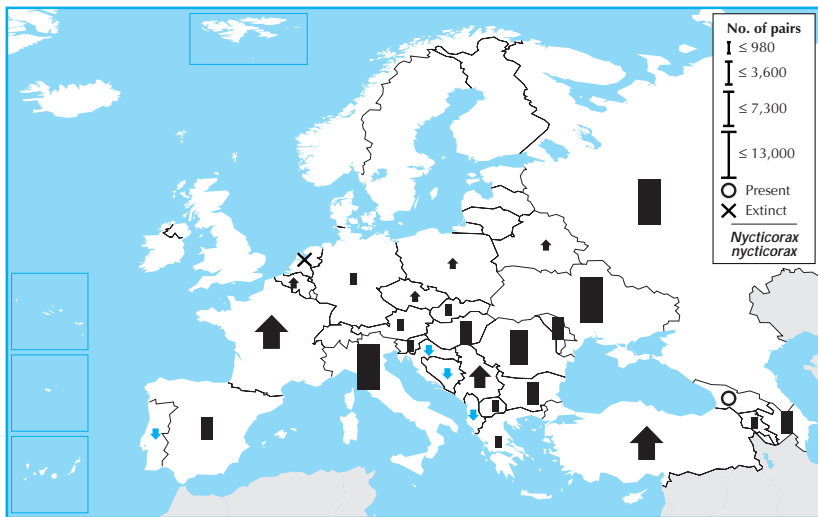# Nycticorax nycticorax
BLACK-CROWNED NIGHT-HERON

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** Depleted
   Criteria Moderate historical decline
European IUCN Red List Category —
   Criteria —
Global IUCN Red List Category —
   Criteria —

Nycticorax nycticorax is a widespread summer visitor to much of the southern half of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<87,000 pairs), and underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable overall during 1990–2000—with stable, fluctuating or increasing trends across the vast majority of its European range—its population has not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is evaluated as Depleted.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	0 – 10	92–02	–	>80	4
Armenia	50 – 250	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Austria	40 – 70	98–02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	2,500 – 5,000	96–00	0	0–19	
Belarus	5 – 27	99–00	+	N	
Belgium	**13 – 14**	00–02	+	**0–19**	1
Bosnia & HG	(4 – 5)	90–00	(–)	(50–79)	
Bulgaria	**1,800 – 2,500**	95–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	500 – 600	02	–	20–29	26
Czech Rep.	**480 – 500**	00	+	30–49	
France	4,500 – 5,500	98–02	+	0–9	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	**35 – 35**	95–99	**0**	**0–19**	
Greece	800 – 1,200	95–00	0	0–19	
Hungary	**2,400 – 3,600**	95–02	0	0–19	
Italy	**12,000 – 14,000**	03	F	20–29	6
Macedonia	**180 – 200**	99	0	0–19	
Moldova	1,500 – 1,800	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	**0 – 0**	98–00	–	**X**	1
Poland	**513 – 513**	02	+	480–490	2,7,8
Portugal	**30 – 120**	02	(–)	(–)	
Romania	6,500 – 8,000	96–02	0	0–19	47,51
Russia	10,000 – 15,000	90–00	0	0–19	8,60,72
Serbia & MN	**2,200 – 2,500**	00–02	+	10–19	163,65,67,115, 145,230,138
Slovakia	**100 – 400**	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	(3 – 5)	00	(F)	(–)	
Spain	(2,170 – 4,430)	98–02	(F)	(–)	10
Turkey	4,000 – 8,000	01	+	30–49	
Ukraine	10,400 – 12,900	90–00	F	30–49	

Total (approx.)	63,000 – 87,000	**Overall trend** Stable		
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km²	**Gen. length**. 5	**% Global pop.** 5–24	

No. of pairs
I ≤ 980
I ≤ 3,600
I ≤ 7,300
I ≤ 13,000
O Present
X Extinct
Nycticorax nycticorax

2000 population	4	66	30
1990 population	15	85	

Data quality (%) – *Nycticorax nycticorax*
□ unknown □ poor ▨ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend	4	77	19
1970–1990 trend	6	29	65