

# *Cuculus canorus* COMMON CUCKOO

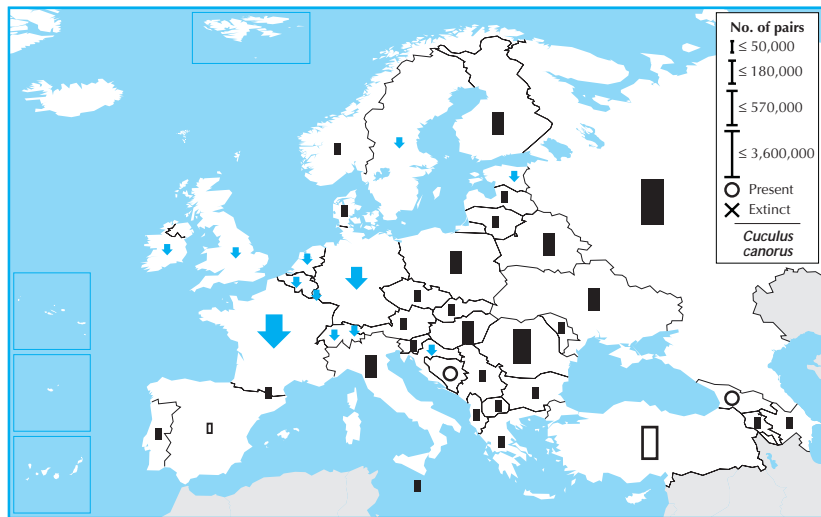


Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status Secure  
Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —  
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Global IUCN Red List Category —  
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*Cuculus canorus* is a widespread summer visitor to Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>4,200,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in many western populations—most notably France—during 1990–2000, most populations in the east, including key ones in Russia and Romania, were stable, and the species underwent only a slight decline overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	2,000 – 5,000	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Andorra	(50 – 150)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	3,500 – 5,000	00–02	0	0–19	
Austria	(20,000 – 40,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(10,000 – 50,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	50,000 – 80,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	6,000 – 8,000	01–02	–	0–19	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	20,000 – 50,000	96–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(5,000 – 10,000)	02	(–)	(50–79)	16
Czech Rep.	<b>35,000 – 70,000</b>	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	(20,000 – 40,000)	00	0	0–19	
Estonia	20,000 – 30,000	98	–	20–29	1
Finland	50,000 – 80,000	98–02	0	5	
France	(250,000 – 750,000)	98–02	–	28	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	60,000 – 114,000	95–99	(–)	(20–29)	
Greece	(5,000 – 10,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	55,000 – 65,000	99–02	0	0–19	19
Rep. Ireland	2,500 – 10,000	88–91	–	0–19	
Italy	(50,000 – 100,000)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	25,000 – 35,000	90–00	0	0–19	23,18
Liechtenstein	20 – 30	98–00	–	0–19	
Lithuania	(15,000 – 25,000)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	60 – 80	02	–	30–49	
Macedonia	(5,000 – 12,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Malta	1 – 1	90–02	0	0–19	1
Moldova	10,000 – 12,000	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	<b>6,000 – 8,000</b>	98–00	–	6	1
Norway	(1,000 – 3,000)	95–02	(0)	(0–19)	30
Poland	<b>150,000 – 200,000</b>	00–02	(0)	(0–19)	23
Portugal	(10,000 – 100,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	400,000 – 800,000	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	48
Russia	2,500,000 – 5,000,000	90–00	0	0–19	35,39,43,114,122
Serbia & MN	18,000 – 25,000	90–02	0	0–19	1,155,29,172a, 67a,78,227,225
Slovakia	7,000 – 14,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	5,000 – 10,000	94	(0)	(0–19)	
Spain	(20,000 – 100,000)	98–02	?	–	10
Sweden	30,000 – 70,000	99–00	–	5	
Switzerland	<b>20,000 – 30,000</b>	93–96	–	10–19	
Turkey	(200,000 – 500,000)	01	?	–	
Ukraine	98,000 – 147,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
UK	<b>9,600 – 20,000</b>	00	–	26	5,31

**Total (approx.) Breeding range** 4,200,000 – 8,600,000 >8,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Overall trend** Small decline  
Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. 25–49  
(See p. 158, bottom, for data quality graph)