

# *Oriolus oriolus*

## EURASIAN GOLDEN-ORIOLE

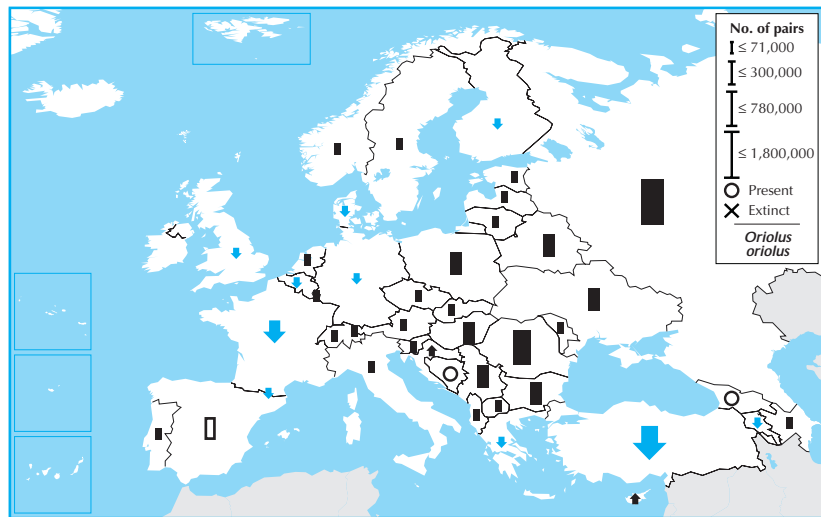
**Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status** Secure  
Criteria —

**European IUCN Red List Category** —  
Criteria —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** —  
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*Oriolus oriolus* is a widespread summer visitor to much of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>3,400,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in a number of countries—notably France and Turkey—during 1990–2000, the vast majority of populations in the east of its European range, including key ones in Russia and Romania, were stable, and the species declined only slightly overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



| Country       | Breeding pop. size (pairs) | Year(s) | Trend    | Mag. %       | References                    |
|---------------|----------------------------|---------|----------|--------------|-------------------------------|
| Albania       | 5,000 – 10,000             | 02      | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Andorra       | (0–2)                      | 99–01   | (–)      | (20–29)      | 1,3                           |
| Armenia       | 1,000 – 1,500              | 98–02   | –        | 0–9          |                               |
| Austria       | (6,000 – 12,000)           | 98–02   | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Azerbaijan    | (50,000 – 100,000)         | 96–00   | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Belarus       | 120,000 – 160,000          | 97–02   | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Belgium       | 1,600 – 3,800              | 95–02   | –        | 0–19         | 1                             |
| Bosnia & HG   | Present                    | 90–03   | ?        | –            |                               |
| Bulgaria      | 100,000 – 300,000          | 96–02   | 0        | 0–9          |                               |
| Croatia       | (50,000 – 100,000)         | 02      | (+)      | (>80)        | 26,54,44                      |
| Cyprus        | 1–2                        | 94–96   | +        | <b>N</b>     |                               |
| Czech Rep.    | 8,000 – 16,000             | 00      | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Denmark       | 13–19                      | 99–00   | –        | <b>50–79</b> | 5,6                           |
| Estonia       | (7,000 – 15,000)           | 98      | 0        | 0–19         | 1                             |
| Finland       | 2,000 – 4,000              | 98–02   | –        | <b>40</b>    |                               |
| France        | (150,000 – 600,000)        | 98–02   | –        | 21           | 4,2                           |
| Georgia       | Present                    | 03      | ?        | –            |                               |
| Germany       | 40,000 – 90,000            | 95–99   | –        | 20–29        |                               |
| Greece        | (20,000 – 30,000)          | 95–00   | (–)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Hungary       | <b>190,000 – 240,000</b>   | 99–02   | 0        | 0–19         | 19                            |
| Italy         | (20,000 – 50,000)          | 03      | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Latvia        | 10,000 – 30,000            | 90–00   | (0)      | (0–19)       | 18                            |
| Liechtenstein | <b>8–12</b>                | 98–00   | <b>0</b> | <b>0–19</b>  |                               |
| Lithuania     | (15,000 – 25,000)          | 99–01   | (0)      | (0–19)       | 20                            |
| Luxembourg    | 100–150                    | 02      | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Macedonia     | (20,000 – 35,000)          | 90–00   | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Moldova       | 15,000 – 18,000            | 90–00   | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Netherlands   | <b>4,000–5,000</b>         | 98–00   | <b>0</b> | <b>10</b>    | 1                             |
| Norway        | 0–5                        | 99      | <b>0</b> | <b>0–19</b>  |                               |
| Poland        | <b>80,000 – 150,000</b>    | 00–02   | 0        | 0–19         | 23                            |
| Portugal      | (10,000 – 100,000)         | 02      | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Romania       | 680,000 – 890,000          | 00–02   | 0        | 0–19         | 48                            |
| Russia        | 1,000,000 – 3,000,000      | 90–00   | (0)      | (0–19)       | 122                           |
| Serbia & MN   | 100,000 – 140,000          | 90–02   | 0        | 0–19         | 1,29,155,172a, 67a,78,225,227 |
| Slovakia      | 7,000 – 15,000             | 90–99   | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Slovenia      | 4,000 – 8,000              | 94      | (0)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Spain         | (150,000 – 200,000)        | 92      | ?        | –            | 13,12,10                      |
| Sweden        | <b>50–100</b>              | 99–00   | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Switzerland   | <b>1,000 – 2,000</b>       | 93–96   | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| Turkey        | (350,000 – 600,000)        | 01      | (–)      | (0–19)       |                               |
| Ukraine       | 140,000 – 190,000          | 90–00   | 0        | 0–19         |                               |
| UK            | <b>7–22</b>                | 96–00   | –        | <b>10</b>    |                               |

**Total (approx.) Breeding range** 3,400,000 – 7,100,000  
>7,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Overall trend** Small decline  
**Gen. length.** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 25–49  
(See p. 254, top, for data quality graph)