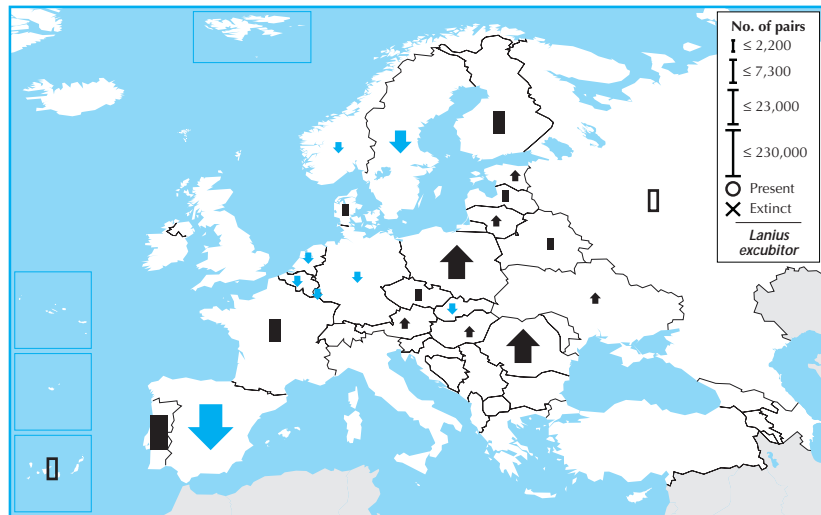# Lanius excubitor
GREAT GREY SHRIKE

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

Lanius excubitor is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>250,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased across much of its European range during 1990–2000, many western and north-western populations—including its Spanish stronghold—continued to decline, and the species probably underwent a slight decline overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Austria	**33 – 50**	98–02	+	>80	
Belarus	600 – 1,200	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	**101 – 251**	95–02	–	**30–49**	1
Czech Rep.	1,000 – 2,000	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	**20 – 30**	98–01	(0)	(0–9)	4,5,6,7
Estonia	400 – 500	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	5,000 – 8,000	98–02	0	0–19	
France	**2,800 – 7,500**	96–00	F	>80	1
Germany	1,800 – 2,500	95–99	–	30–49	
Hungary	1 – 6	00–03	+	N	
Latvia	(100 – 150)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23
Lithuania	(100 – 150)	99–01	(+)	(30–49)	20
Luxembourg	**50 – 80**	00–02	–	**10–19**	
Netherlands	**1 – 4**	98–00	–	**88**	1
Norway	400 – 800	03	–	0–19	38
Poland	**10,000 – 20,000**	00–02	+	20–29	23
Portugal	(10,000 – 50,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	14,000 – 17,000	00–02	+	0–19	48,13
Russia	(3,500 – 15,000)	90–00	?	–	74
Slovakia	500 – 1,000	90–99	–	30–49	
Spain	(200,000 – 250,000)	92	(–)	(0–19)	13,12,16,10
Canary Is.	(2,500 – 10,000)	97–03	?	–	25
Sweden	(1,000 – 10,000)	99–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	**600 – 900**	90–00	+	**5–19**	

Total (approx.)	250,000 – 400,000		**Overall trend** Moderate decline	
Breeding range	>4,000,000 km²		**Gen. length.** <3.3 **% Global pop.** 5–24	

No. of pairs
I ≤ 2,200
I ≤ 7,300
I ≤ 23,000
I ≤ 230,000
O Present
X Extinct
Lanius excubitor

2000 population	85	9	6
1990 population	53	47	

Data quality (%) – *Lanius excubitor*
□ unknown ▨ poor ▤ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend	4	81	15
1970–1990 trend	58	41	

2000 population	15	54	31
1990 population	7	50	39	4

Data quality (%) – *Lanius collurio* (see p. 253, bottom)
□ unknown ▨ poor ▤ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend	38	11	48	3
1970–1990 trend	12	22	56	10