

Caprimulgus europaeus

EURASIAN NIGHTJAR

SPEC 2 (1994: 2) **Status** (Depleted)

Criteria Moderate historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

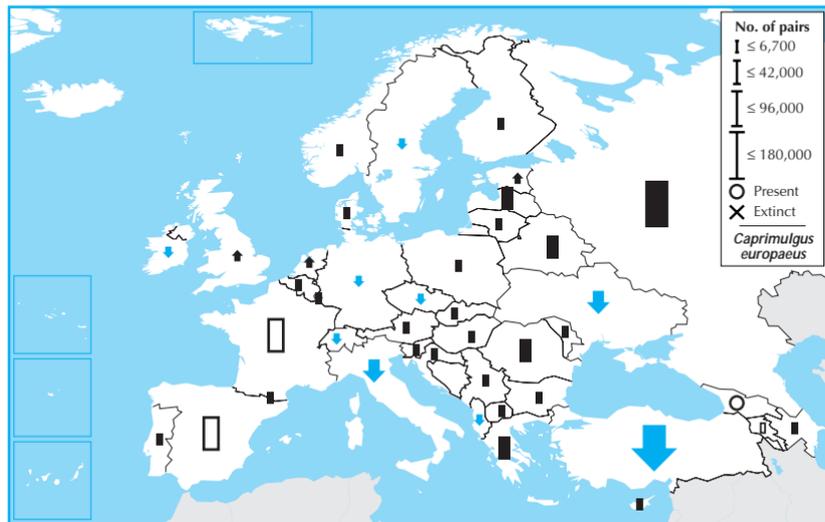
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Caprimulgus europaeus is a widespread summer visitor to much of Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>470,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although many of these declines abated during 1990–2000, several populations—notably the sizeable one in Turkey—suffered declines, and the species declined slightly overall. Its population has clearly not yet recovered to the level that preceded the initial decline, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	3,000 – 8,000	96–02	(–)	(0–19)	
Andorra	20 – 50	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	830 – 3,000	97–02	?	–	
Austria	300 – 500	98–02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	(1,000 – 10,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	35,000 – 50,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	381 – 510	95–02	F	30–49	1
Bulgaria	2,000 – 8,000	96–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(1,000 – 5,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	16
Cyprus	(500 – 1,500)	94–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Czech Rep.	400 – 700	00	–	30–49	
Denmark	500 – 600	92–95	(0)	(0–19)	13
Estonia	3,000 – 5,000	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	3,000 – 5,000	98–02	0	0–19	
France	(40,000 – 160,000)	00–02	?	–	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	3,100 – 4,400	95–99	–	20–29	
Greece	(10,000 – 30,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	3,500 – 6,000	98–01	0	0–19	
Rep. Ireland	(5 – 30)	88–91	(–)	(30–49)	
Italy	(8,000 – 20,000)	03	(–)	(0–19)	
Latvia	15,000 – 23,000	90–00	0	0–19	18
Lithuania	(4,000 – 6,000)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	1 – 5	00–02	0	0–19	
Macedonia	(2,000 – 5,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	280 – 350	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	950 – 1,150	98–00	+	34	1
Norway	140 – 400	90–02	0	0–19	
Poland	4,000 – 6,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	84
Portugal	(1,000 – 10,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	(12,000 – 15,000)	00–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	100,000 – 300,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	122
Serbia & MN	5,500 – 8,000	90–02	0	0–19	1,62,172a,155, 67a,227
Slovakia	1,000 – 2,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	1,000 – 1,500	99–00	0	0–19	
Spain	(82,000 – 112,000)	92	?	–	13,12,10
Sweden	1500 – 2500	99–00	–	30–49	
Switzerland	50 – 70	93–96	–	10–19	
Turkey	(100,000 – 200,000)	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	16,000 – 23,000	90–00	–	20–29	
UK	3,400 – 3,400	92	+	55	

Total (approx.) Breeding range 470,000 – 1,000,000 >6,000,000 km² Overall trend Small decline Gen. length 4 % Global pop. 50–74 (See p. 167, top, for data quality graph)