

Nyctea scandiaca

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SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** (Rare)

Criteria <10,000 pairs

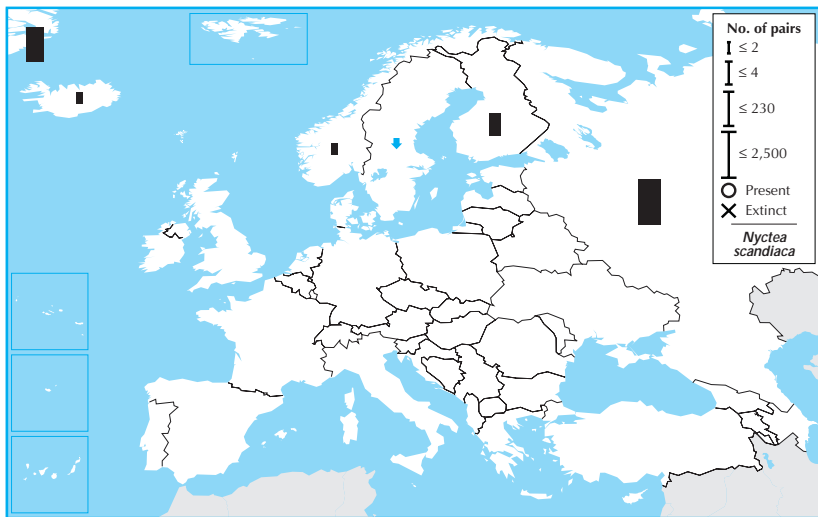
European IUCN Red List Category —

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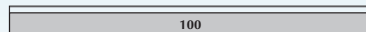
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Nyctea scandiaca is an irregular breeder in Greenland, Iceland, Fennoscandia and arctic Russia, with Europe accounting for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is small (as few as 1,400 pairs), but fluctuated widely between 1970–1990. Although populations continued to fluctuate in most European countries during 1990–2000, the species remained broadly stable overall. Nevertheless, its population size still renders it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Rare.

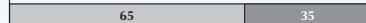


Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Denmark					
Greenland	(50 – 1,000)	90–00	(F)	(–)	
Finland	0 – 20	98–02	0	0–19	
Iceland	0 – 1	90–00	F	>80	21,23,24,25,32,33,42,43,44,45,46,47
Norway	0 – 5	90–03	F	>80	63
Russia	(1,300 – 4,500)	90–00	(F)	(–)	60,139
Sweden	(0 – 2)	99–00	(–)	(>80)	
Total (approx.)	1,400 – 5,500				
Breeding range	>500,000 km ²				
		Overall trend	Fluctuating		
		Gen. length.	7	% Global pop. 5–24	

2000 population



1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Nyctea scandiaca*

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

