

Crex crex CORNCRAKE



SPEC 1 (1994: 1) **Status** Depleted

Criteria Large historical decline

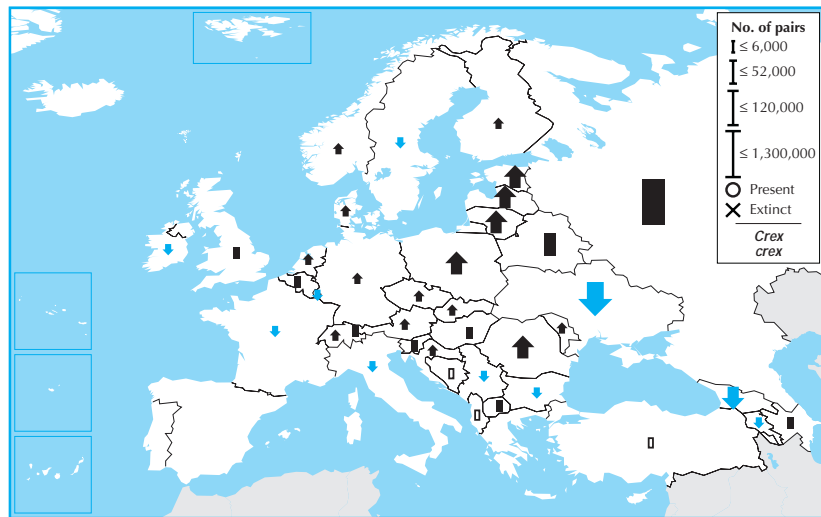
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Crex crex is a widespread summer visitor to middle latitudes of Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>1,300,000 pairs), but declined substantially between 1970–1990. Although many populations increased during 1990–2000, the species fluctuated in its Russian stronghold, and was broadly stable overall. Nevertheless, its total population size clearly remains far below the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, this globally Near Threatened species is evaluated as Depleted in Europe.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	(0 – 20)	96–02	?	–	
Armenia	330 – 830	98–02	–	20–29	
Austria	150 – 400	98–02	+	20–29	
Azerbaijan	(0 – 100)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	25,000 – 60,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	21 – 44	95–02	F	20–29	1
Bosnia & HG	(0 – 250)	90–00	?	–	
Bulgaria	4,000 – 8,800	96–97	(–)	(0–19)	
Croatia	1,000 – 1,500	02	(+)	(50–79)	70,16
Czech Rep.	1,500 – 1,700	00	+	>80	
Denmark	(50 – 250)	98–01	+	>80	4,5,6,7
Estonia	15,000 – 25,000	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	2,000 – 8,000	98–02	+	500	
France	551 – 599	02	–	20–49	6
Georgia	(10,000 – 50,000)	94–02	(–)	(20–29)	
Germany	2,000 – 3,100	95–99	+	0–19	
Hungary	500 – 1,200	98–02	F	20–49	4
Rep. Ireland	139 – 157	98–02	–	20–29	
Italy	200 – 450	03	–	0–19	20,19
Latvia	26,000 – 38,000	95–03	+	30–49	9,11
Liechtenstein	1 – 4	98–00	(F)	(–)	
Lithuania	25,000 – 30,000	99–01	+	30–49	20
Luxembourg	0 – 5	00–02	–	50–79	
Macedonia	(50 – 150)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Moldova	100 – 150	90–00	+	0–19	
Netherlands	240 – 700	98–00	+	573	1
Norway	20 – 40	95–03	+	30–49	18
Poland	30,000 – 45,000	97–98	(+)	(20–29)	44
Romania	44,000 – 60,000	90–02	+	0–19	48,18
Russia	1,000,000 – 1,500,000	90–00	F	30–49	105
Serbia & MN	800 – 1,400	95–02	–	10–29	1,234,67a,155, 37,227,225
Slovakia	1,400 – 1,700	80–99	+	20–29	
Slovenia	500 – 600	92–99	0	10–19	
Sweden	150 – 200	99–00	–	0–19	
Switzerland	10 – 50	98–02	+	30–49	
Turkey	(25 – 100)	01	?	–	
Ukraine	83,400 – 154,000	00–01	–	0–19	
UK	589 – 589	98	0	3	10

Total (approx.) Breeding range 1,300,000 – 2,000,000 >4,000,000 km² **Overall trend** Fluctuating **Gen. length** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 50–74

2000 population	9	90
1990 population	30	68
Data quality (%) – <i>Crex crex</i>		
□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good		
1990–2000 trend	4	93
1970–1990 trend	29	67