

Scolopax rusticola

EURASIAN WOODCOCK



SPEC 3 (1994: 3W) **Status** (Declining)

Criteria Moderate recent decline

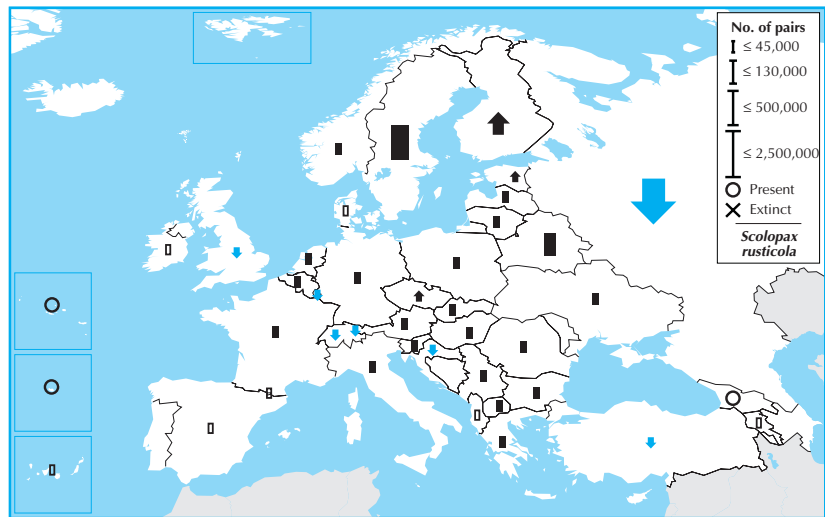
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Scolopax rusticola is a widespread breeder across much of Europe (particularly northern and central areas), which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is very large (>1,800,000 pairs), and was broadly stable between 1970–1990. Although trends were stable across most of its European range during 1990–2000, the species declined in its Russian stronghold, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	50 – 100	96–02	?	–	
Andorra	(15 – 30)	99–01	?	–	1,3
Armenia	350 – 850	97–02	?	–	
Austria	(1,500 – 4,500)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	100,000 – 120,000	97–00	0	0–19	
Belgium	1,600 – 2,800	01–02	(0)	(0–19)	1
Bulgaria	0 – 20	96–02	(F)	(>80)	
Croatia	(1 – 50)	02	(–)	(–)	70,16
Czech Rep.	2,000 – 4,000	00	+	30–49	
Denmark	2,000 – 3,500	89–96	?	–	22
Estonia	20,000 – 50,000	98	+	20–29	1
Finland	100,000 – 150,000	98–02	+	10	
France	(10,000 – 30,000)	98–02	0	0–19	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	(12,000 – 24,000)	95–99	(0)	(0–19)	
Greece	(0 – 10)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	(10 – 60)	95–02	F	20–49	
Rep. Ireland	2,500 – 10,000	88–91	?	–	
Italy	(80 – 150)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	20,000 – 30,000	90–00	0	0–19	23,18
Liechtenstein	3 – 8	98–00	–	0–19	
Lithuania	(10,000 – 20,000)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	80 – 100	00–02	–	20–29	
Macedonia	(30 – 90)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Netherlands	2,000 – 3,000	98–00	0	10	1
Norway	(30,000 – 50,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	(20,000 – 100,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	1
Portugal					
Azores	Present	02	?	–	
Madeira	Present	02	?	–	
Romania	(6,000 – 9,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	(1,200,000 – 5,000,000)	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	29,143,161
Serbia & MN	600 – 1,000	90–02	F	20–29	1,142a,92,235,143a,227,155
Slovakia	1,300 – 2,500	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	(100 – 200)	99–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Spain	(2,310 – 2,590)	80–01	?	–	13,10,6
Canary Is.	(1,000 – 2,500)	97–03	?	–	28,25
Sweden	(250,000 – 1,000,000)	99–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Switzerland	1,130 – 1,630	93–96	(–)	(0–19)	
Turkey	(0 – 50)	01	(–)	(–)	
Ukraine	7,600 – 12,800	90–00	0	0–19	
UK	5,400 – 13,700	00	–	40	5,31
Total (approx.)	1,800,000 – 6,600,000		Overall trend	Moderate decline	
Breeding range	>6,000,000 km²		Gen. length	<3.3 % Global pop. 25–49	(See p. 123, bottom, for data quality graph)
Winter pop. size (individuals)					
Total (approx.)	>490,000		Overall trend	Unknown	
% in European IBAs	Unknown		Gen. length	<3.3 % Global pop. 25–49	