**Calidris maritima**  
**PURPLE SANDPIPER**

*Non-SPEC* (1994: 4)  
**Status** (Secure)  
*European IUCN Red List Category*  
*Global IUCN Red List Category*  

Calidris maritima breeds in Greenland, Scandinavia and arctic Russia, with >75% of its global breeding range confined to Europe. The European breeding population is relatively small (<75,000 pairs), but appeared to be stable between 1970–1990. Trends were not available for the key populations in Greenland and Iceland during 1990–2000, but the species was stable elsewhere, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.

**Calidris alpina**  
**DUNLIN**

*SPEC 3 (1994: 3W)*  
**Status** (Depleted)  
*European IUCN Red List Category*  
*Global IUCN Red List Category*  

Calidris alpina breeds mainly in northern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>300,000 pairs), and was probably stable between 1970–1990 (although the European wintering population declined markedly). The species was stable in north-west Europe during 1990–2000, but declined around the Baltic and in Russia. Although the trend in Iceland was unknown, the species’s population has clearly not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.

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### Calidris maritima  
No. of pairs: 10,000  
Breeding range: 300,000–570,000

### Calidris alpina  
No. of pairs: 11,000  
Breeding range: 300,000–470,000

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### Table: Population Size and Trend

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### Figure: Distribution Map

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### References

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