

# *Falco naumanni*

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

**Criteria** Large historical decline

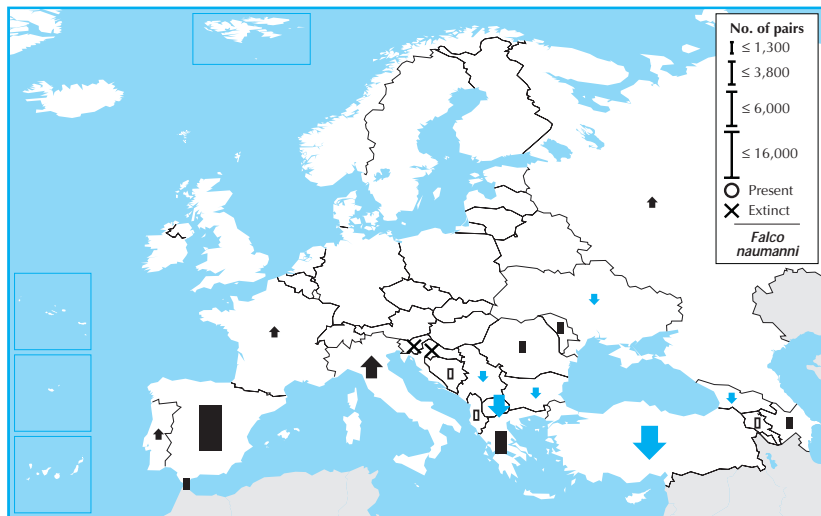
**European IUCN Red List Category** —

**Criteria** —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** VU

**Criteria** A2b,c,e; A3b,c,e

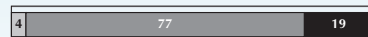
*Falco naumanni* is a summer visitor to southern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<42,000 pairs), and declined substantially between 1970–1990. The species was stable or increased in south-western Europe during 1990–2000, but many south-eastern populations continued to decline, and the species underwent a small decline overall. Its total population size remains far below the level that preceded its decline, and consequently this globally threatened species is evaluated as Depleted in Europe.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	0 – 20	98-01	?	–	
Armenia	15 – 60	00-02	?	–	10
Azerbaijan	(500 – 3,000)	96-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Bosnia & HG	(0 – 250)	90-00	?	–	
Bulgaria	0 – 5	95-00	–	>80	
Croatia	0 – 0	02	(-)	(X)	70
France	72 – 72	03	+	>80	8,7
Georgia	20 – 100	94-03	–	>80	
Greece	2,000 – 3,480	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Italy	3,640 – 3,840	01	+	20-29	6
Macedonia	1,500 – 3,000	02	(-)	(10-19)	1
Moldova	3 – 6	90-00	0	0-19	
Portugal	286 – 293	01	(+)	(-)	
Romania	(0 – 5)	90-02	(F)	(20-29)	29
Russia	400 – 600	98-02	+	20-29	6,45,46,73,74,141
Serbia & MN	0 – 6	90-02	(-)	(>80)	1,169,104
Slovenia	0 – 0	94-00	–	X	
Spain	12,000 – 20,000	94-02	0	0-19	10,16
Turkey	5,000 – 7,000	01	–	20-29	
Ukraine	(5 – 10)	90-00	–	50-79	
UK					
Gibraltar	4 – 10	00	0	0-19	

**Total (approx.)** 25,000 – 42,000  
**Breeding range** >1,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Overall trend** Small decline  
**Gen. length.** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 25-49

2000 population



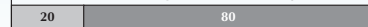
1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Falco naumanni*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium □ good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

