Ardeola ralloides
SQUACCO HERON

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) Status (Declining)
Criteria: Moderate continuing decline
European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —
Global IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —

Ardeola ralloides is a widespread but patchily distributed summer visitor to much of southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<270,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although most populations—notably sizeable ones in Romania and Azerbaijan—were stable or increased during 1990–2000, other significant populations in Turkey and Russia declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.

Bubulcus ibis
CATTLE EGRET

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status Secure
European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —
Global IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —

Bubulcus ibis breeds mainly in Iberia but also patchily elsewhere in southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<150,000 pairs), but underwent a large increase during 1990–2000, and populations were stable or increased elsewhere in its European range. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.