

Pelecanus onocrotalus

GREAT WHITE PELICAN

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** Rare

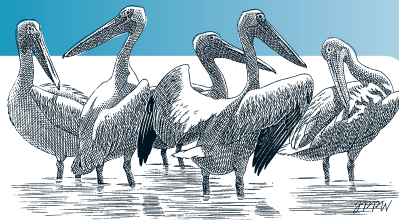
Criteria <10,000 pairs

European IUCN Red List Category —

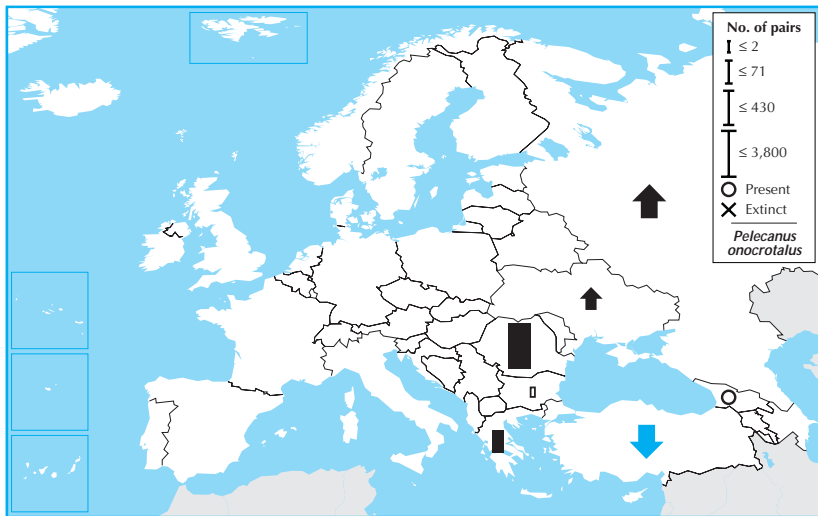
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Pelecanus onocrotalus is a patchily distributed summer visitor to south-east Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is small (as few as 4,100 pairs), but underwent a large increase between 1970–1990. The stronghold population in Romania was stable during 1990–2000, and although there were slight declines in Turkey, the species was stable overall. Nevertheless, its population size renders it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations, and consequently it is evaluated as Rare.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Bulgaria	2 – 2	00	?	N	
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Greece	50 – 100	90–98	F	30–49	
Romania	3,500 – 4,000	90–02	0	0–19	47
Russia	400 – 450	90–00	+	20–29	6,8,33,60,74
Turkey	180 – 420	01	–	0–19	
Ukraine	14 – 150	96–99	+	N	

Total (approx.)	4,100 – 5,100	Overall trend Stable			
Breeding range	>50,000 km ²	Gen. length 11	% Global pop. 5–24		

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Azerbaijan	150 – 850	96–02	(F)	(–)	
Bulgaria	1 – 22	97–01	F	50–100	
Cyprus	0 – 25	94–02	?	–	
Greece	1 – 20	95–99	0	0–19	
Macedonia	0 – 20	99–00	(F)	(50–79)	
Romania	12 – 40	90–00	F	50–79	60
Serbia & MN	(0 – 2)	90–02	F	50–100	
Turkey	60 – 80	91–01	+	30–49	

Total (approx.)	>200	Overall trend Small increase			
% in European IBAs	4–8	Gen. length 11	% Global pop. <5		

