

# *Aythya ferina*

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**SPEC 2** (1994: 4) **Status** (Declining)

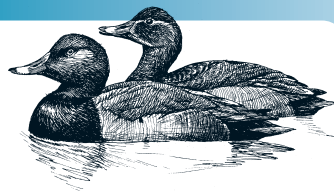
**Criteria** Moderate recent decline

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

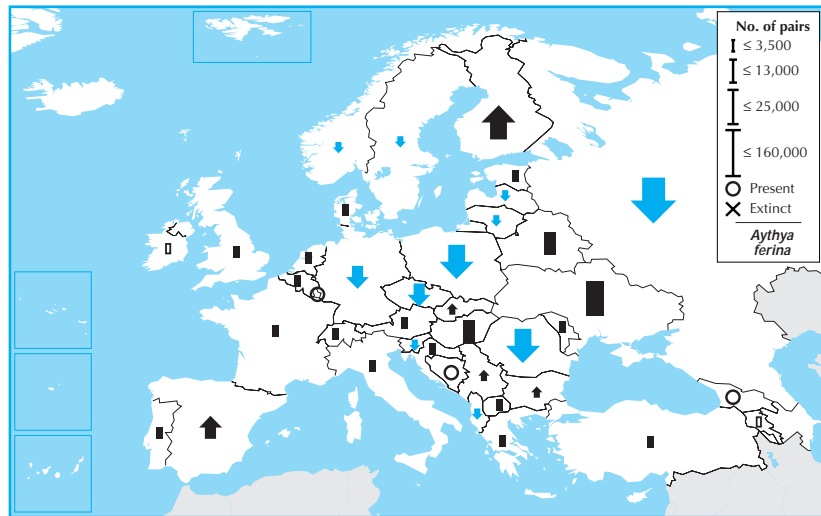
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Aythya ferina* is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which probably constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>210,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although populations were stable or increased across much of Europe during 1990–2000, there were declines in several countries—including the key Russian population—and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, this previously Secure species is now provisionally evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	0 – 10	96–00	(–)	(0–19)	6
Armenia	80 – 330	97–02	?	–	
Austria	<b>200 – 300</b>	98–02	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Belarus	<b>6,000 – 8,000</b>	97–02	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Belgium	653 – 916	95–02	0	0–19	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	85–89	?	–	
Bulgaria	<b>90 – 170</b>	98–02	+	<b>50–79</b>	
Croatia	(1,000 – 5,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	16
Czech Rep.	<b>9,000 – 17,000</b>	00	–	<b>10–19</b>	
Denmark	(400 – 600)	00	0	0–19	3
Estonia	1,000 – 2,000	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	15,000 – 20,000	99–01	+	<b>25</b>	
France	2,000 – 3,500	98–02	0	0–19	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	4,500 – 7,500	95–99	–	0–19	
Greece	(0 – 20)	95–00	(F)	(30–49)	
Hungary	(5,000 – 10,000)	90–93	(0)	(0–19)	14
Rep. Ireland	0 – 50	88–91	?	–	
Italy	300 – 400	03	0	0–19	6
Latvia	1,500 – 2,000	90–00	–	30–49	17
Lithuania	3,000 – 4,000	99–01	(–)	(20–29)	20
Luxembourg	Present	02	?	–	
Macedonia	15 – 60	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	900 – 1,300	90–00	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Netherlands	<b>1,700 – 2,100</b>	98–00	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	1
Norway	0 – 10	99	–	0–19	63
Poland	20,000 – 30,000	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	2
Portugal	20 – 50	02	0	0–19	
Romania	(15,000 – 20,000)	95–02	(–)	(0–19)	
Russia	95,000 – 265,000	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	10
Serbia & MN	800 – 1,000	90–02	+	10–19	1,82,29,155,13, 143a,204
Slovakia	500 – 1,000	80–99	+	20–29	
Slovenia	10 – 40	90–00	–	30–49	
Spain	2,500 – 10,000	98–02	(+)	(0–19)	10
Sweden	<b>1,000 – 1,700</b>	99–00	–	<b>50–79</b>	
Switzerland	<b>3 – 10</b>	93–96	<b>0</b>	<b>0–19</b>	
Turkey	2,500 – 3,500	01	(0)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	17,300 – 25,900	90–00	0	0–19	
UK	<b>324 – 426</b>	96–00	<b>F</b>	<b>69</b>	
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	<b>210,000 – 440,000</b>				
<b>Breeding range</b>	<b>&gt;5,000,000 km<sup>2</sup></b>				
		<b>Overall trend</b>	Moderate decline		
		<b>Gen. length</b>	<3.3 %	<b>Global pop.</b>	50–74
				(See p. 64, bottom, for data quality graph)	

### Winter pop. size (individuals)

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>790,000	<b>Overall trend</b>	Moderate decline
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	>80	<b>Gen. length</b>	<3.3 %
		<b>Global pop.</b>	50–74