

Mergellus albellus

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

Criteria Moderate continuing decline

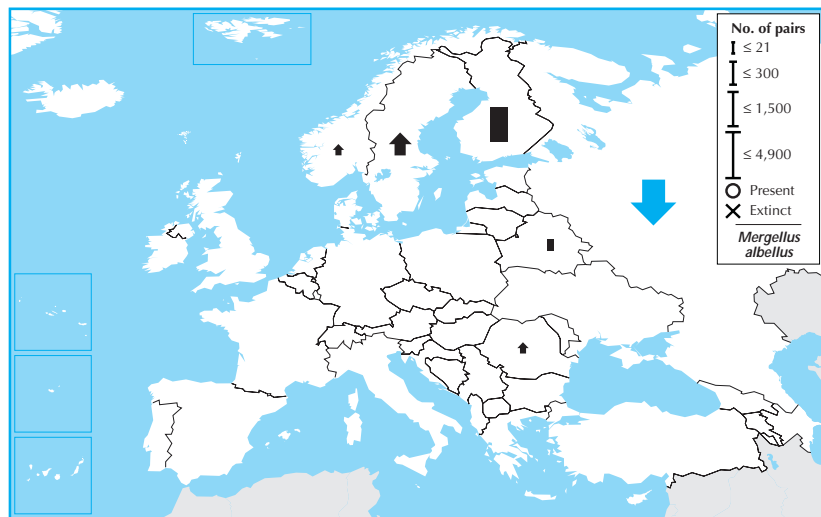
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Mergellus albellus breeds mainly in northern Russia and Fennoscandia, with Europe accounting for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is small (as few as 5,300 pairs), and its range contracted markedly between 1970–1990. Although most European populations—including the sizeable one in Finland—were stable or increased during 1990–2000, the stronghold population in Russia declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belarus	15 – 30	91-00	0	0-19	
Finland	1,000 – 2,400	99-01	(0)	(0-19)	
Norway	10 – 20	90-03	+	0-19	24
Romania	0 – 5	90-02	+	0-19	
Russia	(4,000 – 6,000)	90-00	(-)	(20-29)	85
Sweden	250 – 350	99-00	+	10-19	

Total (approx.)	5,300 – 8,400	Overall trend Moderate decline			
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km ²	Gen. length 4	% Global pop. 5-24		

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Azerbaijan	100 – 700	96-02	+	>80	
Belgium	100 – 970	95-00	+	>80	1
Bulgaria	23 – 742	97-01	F	>80	
Croatia	1,000 – 1,000	02	?	–	26
Denmark	600 – 800	99-00	+	>80	25,26
Estonia	100 – 300	98	+	20-29	1
Finland	(50 – 500)	99-01	(0)	(0-19)	
France	199 – 600	98-02	F	50-79	9
Georgia	681 – 681	02	?	–	1
Germany	2,500 – 9,000	95-00	F	30-49	4
Greece	69 – 297	95-99	F	30-49	
Hungary	200 – 600	97-01	F	>80	21,22,24
Latvia	20 – 200	90-99	–	50-79	29
Lithuania	50 – 200	99-02	–	>80	
Netherlands	3,300 – 3,300	99-01	0	0-19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Norway	300 – 315	97-99	+	0-19	71
Poland	1,000 – 30,000	92-97	F	>80	116
Romania	1,400 – 2,600	90-00	0	0-19	60,42
Serbia & MN	3,700 – 13,000	90-02	+	10-29	
Slovakia	100 – 700	90-99	?	–	4
Sweden	2,000 – 3,000	98-01	+	>80	
Turkey	250 – 1,000	91-01	F	>80	
Ukraine	(400 – 600)	90-00	(-)	(20-29)	
UK	390 – 390	94-99	+	48	49

Total (approx.)	>19,000	Overall trend Small increase	
% in European IBAs	>80	Gen. length 4	% Global pop. 5-24

