

Serinus canaria -- (Linnaeus, 1758)

ANIMALIA -- CHORDATA -- AVES -- PASSERIFORMES -- FRINGILLIDAE

Common names: Island Canary; Atlantic Canary; Canary; Common Canary

European Red List Assessment

European Red List Status

LC -- Least Concern, (IUCN version 3.1)

Assessment Information

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Assessment Rationale

European regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)

EU27 regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)

At both European and EU27 scales, although this species may have a small range it is not believed to approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the range size criterion (Extent of Occurrence 10% in ten years or three generations, or with a specified population structure). The population trend is not known, but the population is not believed to be decreasing sufficiently rapidly to approach the thresholds under the population trend criterion (30% decline over ten years or three generations).

For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern within both Europe and the EU27.

Occurrence

Countries/Territories of Occurrence

Native:

Portugal; Spain; Canary Is. (to ES)

Population

The European population is estimated at 1,500,000-2,520,000 pairs, which equates to 3,000,000-5,050,000 mature individuals. The entire population is found in the EU27. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

Trend

In Europe and the EU27 the population size trend is unknown. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

Habitats and Ecology

The species inhabits a wide variety of lowland and submontane forests of pine (*Pinus*), laurel (*Lauraceae*), the edges of cultivation and wooded valleys (barrancos) with almonds (*Prunus*), tamarisk (*Tamarix*) thickets, myrtle (*Myrica*) hedges, tree-heaths (*Erica*) and especially areas of broom (*Cytisus*) It is also found in parks and gardens and on Desertas (Madeira) it breeds in open semi-arid areas with little or no vegetation cover. Breeding occurs from January to July and it is monogamous. The nest is a deep compact cup made of twigs, plant fibres and down, grass, moss and lichens, small leaves, animal hair (mainly sheep wool) and feathers, sited above ground in a fork at the end of a thin branch or in the crown of a small tree. Clutches are three to four eggs. It feeds mainly on seeds, particularly of herbs and grasses, as well as buds and fruit and a small number of insects. The species is resident, undertaking short-distance dispersive movements (Clement 2010).

Habitat (level 1 - level 2)	Importance	Occurrence
Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	suitable	resident
Artificial/Terrestrial - Pastureland	suitable	resident
Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	suitable	resident

Habitats & Altitude			
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)		Importance	Occurrence
Forest - Temperate		suitable	resident
Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation		suitable	resident
Altitude	max. 1700 m	Occasional altitudinal limits	

Threats

There are not thought to be any current significant threats to this species.

Threats & Impacts		
Threat (level 1)	Threat (level 2)	Impact and Stresses

Conservation

Conservation Actions Underway

In order to supplement the population there 12–15 individuals were released onto Fuerteventura in 1980. The species is widely kept in captivity in most areas of the world (Clement 2010).

Conservation Actions Proposed

No conservation measures are currently needed for this species.

Bibliography

Clement, P. 2010. Island Canary (*Serinus canaria*). In: del Hoyo, J., Elliott, A., Sargatal, J., Christie, D.A. and de Juana, E. (eds.) 2014. *Handbook of the Birds of the World Alive*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. (retrieved from <http://www.hbw.com/node/61292> on 23 March 2015).

Map (see overleaf)

European Regional Assessment



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Range

■ Extant (resident)

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