Emberiza caesia -- Cretzschmar, 1828
ANIMALIA -- CHORDATA -- AVES -- PASSERIFORMES -- EMBERIZIDAE
Common names: Cretzschmar's Bunting; Bruant cendrillard

European Red List Assessment

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**Assessment Information**

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**Assessment Rationale**

**European regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)**

**EU27 regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)**

In Europe this species has a very large range, and hence does not 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 appears to be stable, and hence the species does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population trend criterion (30% decline over ten years or three generations). For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern in Europe.

Within the EU27 this species has a very large range, and hence does not 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 appears to be increasing, and hence the species does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population trend criterion (30% decline over ten years or three generations). For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern in the EU27.

**Occurrence**

**Countries/Territories of Occurrence**

**Native:**
Albania; Cyprus; Greece; Macedonia, the former Yugoslav Republic of; Turkey

**Vagrant:**
Austria; Finland; France; Germany; Italy; Malta; Netherlands; Poland; Spain; Canary Is. (to ES); Sweden; Ukraine; United Kingdom

**Population**
The European population is estimated at 115,000-225,000 pairs, which equates to 230,000-450,000 mature individuals. The population in the EU27 is estimated at 15,000-40,000 pairs, which equates to 30,000-80,000 mature individuals. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

**Trend**

In Europe the population size is estimated to be stable. In the EU27 the population size is estimated to be increasing. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

**Habitats and Ecology**

This species favours dry barren habitats with some low-lying vegetation, on hillsides, rocky islands as well as on cultivated land, up to 1,300 m Asl, often near the coast (Hagemeijer & Blair 1997, Madge 2011). Nesting is reported from mid-April to mid-June. The nest is made by the female and it is placed on the ground against a rock or amongst the roots of a shrubby plant. The clutch, usually four to six eggs, is incubated mainly by the female. Hatching takes place after 12–14 days. Nestlings are reared by both parents. They leave the nest after 12–14 days. The species is migratory; breeding areas are vacated in July and August. Wintering areas are situated outside Europe, in north-eastern Africa (Madge 2011). The species forages almost entirely on the...
ground. The diet consists of small seeds, in particular of grasses and small invertebrates are also taken, in particular ants (Madge 2011).

### Habitats & Altitude

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### Threats

There is no evidence for substantial threats (BirdLife International 2015).

### Threats & Impacts

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### Conservation

**Conservation Actions Underway**

There are currently no known conservation measures for this species.

**Conservation Actions Proposed**

No conservation measures are currently needed for this species.

### Bibliography


### Map (see overleaf)
*Emberiza caesia*

**Range**

- Extant (breeding)

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BirdLife International (2015)  
European Red List of Birds

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