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## ***Columba livia (Rock Dove)***

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#### **Further information**

- <http://www.birdlife.org/datazone/info/euroredlist>
- <http://www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/european-red-list-birds-0>
- <http://www.iucnredlist.org/initiatives/europe>
- <http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/redlist/>

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**Table 1.** Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe<sup>1</sup>.

Country (or territory) <sup>2</sup>	Population estimate				Short-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Long-term population trend <sup>4</sup>				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (pairs) <sup>3</sup>	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Quality	Direction <sup>5</sup>	Magnitude (%) <sup>6</sup>	Year(s)	Quality	Direction <sup>5</sup>	Magnitude (%) <sup>6</sup>	Year(s)	Quality	
Albania	1,000-3,000	<1	2002-2012	poor	-	5-10	2002-2012	poor	-	10-20	1980-2012	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Andorra	50-249	<1	2001	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Armenia	1,000-2,500	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Austria	25,000-40,000	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2011	medium	?				C. l. livia and domestica
Azerbaijan	100,000-500,000	1	2014	poor	0.0	0	2000-2014		+		1980-2014	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Belarus	1,200,000-1,500,000	9	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	C. l. livia and domestica
Belgium	Present	<1			?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Bosnia & HG	300,000-500,000	2	2010-2014	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Bulgaria	250,000-500,000	2	2005-2012	poor	+	10-40	2000-2012	medium	+	10-40	1980-2012	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Croatia	700,000-1,000,000	5	2014	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Cyprus	2,000-7,000	<1	2009-2013	poor	0	0	2001-2013	medium	-	10-30	1980-2012	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Czech Rep.	800,000-1,600,000	7	2001-2003	good	?				0	0	1985-2003	good	C. l. livia and domestica
Denmark	40,000	<1	2011	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
DK: Faroe Is	600	<1	2014	medium	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Estonia	40,000-80,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	0	0-10	2001-2012	poor	-	20-50	1980-2012	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Finland	20,000-38,000	<1	2006-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	medium	?				C. l. livia and domestica
France	800-2,000	<1	1998-2000	medium	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Germany	170,000-275,000	1	2005-2009	medium	F	0	1998-2009	good	F	0	1990-2009	good	C. l. livia and domestica
Greece	10,000-30,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Hungary	146,000-379,000	2	2000-2012	medium	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Iceland	50-250	<1	2000	poor	+	30-50	2000-2010	poor	+	30-50	2000-2010	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Rep. Ireland	1,000-5,000	<1	2008-2011	poor	0	0	1998-2011	medium	+	0-50	1972-2011	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Italy	3,000-7,000	<1	2006	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Kosovo	200-400	<1	2009-2014	medium	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Latvia	17,039-56,149	<1	2012	medium	F	0-300	2005-2012	poor	-	56-95	1994-2010	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
Liechtenstein	50-70	<1	2009-2014	medium	0	0	2003-2014	medium	0	0	1980-2014	medium	C. l. livia and domestica
Lithuania	200,000-400,000	2	2008-2012	medium	-	10-30	2001-2012	medium	-	10-30	1980-2012	medium	C. l. livia and domestica
Luxembourg	1,000-2,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	-	20-50	2000-2012	poor	-	40-70	1980-2012	poor	C. l. livia and domestica
FYRO Macedonia	20,000-100,000	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Malta	1,000-5,000	<1	2000	poor	?				?				C. l. livia and domestica
Moldova	7,000-8,700	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	F	0	1980-2010	medium	C. l. livia and domestica

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Montenegro	500-1,000	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Netherlands	Present	<1			?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Norway	10,000-20,000	<1	2013	poor	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Poland	100,000-250,000	1	1992-2004	poor	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Portugal	Present	<1	2002		?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
PT: Azores	32,580-382,963	1	2008-2012	poor	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
PT: Madeira	10,000-50,000	<1	2009-2012	medium	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Romania	325,000-750,000	3	2010-2013	medium	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Russia	2,500,000-6,000,000	25	2000-2008	poor	?				-	5-30	1980-2012	medium	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Serbia	250,000-300,000	2	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	100,000-1,000,000	2	2002	poor	-	5-10	2000-2012	good	-	5-10	1980-2012	poor	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Slovenia	18,000-30,000	<1	2002-2012	good	0	0-10	2001-2012	medium	0	0-10	1980-2012	poor	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Spain	2,410,000-4,530,000	21	2004-2006	good	0	0	1998-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	medium	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
ES: Canary Is	20,000-100,000	<1	1997-2003	poor	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Sweden	25,000-125,000	1	2008-2012	poor	0	0	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	good	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Switzerland	20,000-40,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	?				?				C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Turkey	400,000-800,000	4	2013	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	-	0-19	1990-2013	poor	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
Ukraine	300,000-500,000	2	2000	medium	F	10-20	2001-2012	medium	F	10-25	1980-2012	medium	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
United Kingdom	450,000-650,000	3	2009	medium	+		1998-2010	medium	+		1970-2008	medium	C. l. <i>livia</i> and <i>domestica</i>
EU27	5,220,000-11,300,000	49			Stable								
Europe	11,000,000-22,600,000	100			Unknown								

<sup>1</sup> See 'Sources' at end of factsheet, and for more details on individual EU Member State reports, see the Article 12 reporting portal at <http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/report>.

<sup>2</sup> The designation of geographical entities and the presentation of the material do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IUCN or BirdLife International concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

<sup>3</sup> In the few cases where population size estimates were reported in units other than those specified, they were converted to the correct units using standard correction factors.

<sup>4</sup> The robustness of regional trends to the effects of any missing or incomplete data was tested using plausible scenarios, based on other sources of information, including any other reported information, recent national Red Lists, scientific literature, other publications and consultation with relevant experts.

<sup>5</sup> Trend directions are reported as: increasing (+); decreasing (-); stable (0); fluctuating (F); or unknown (?).

<sup>6</sup> Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

## Trend maps

A symbol appears in each country where the species occurs: the shape and colour of the symbol represent the population trend in that country, and the size of the symbol corresponds to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

### KEY

- |                                  |                                  |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| ▲ Large increase ( $\geq 50\%$ ) | ▼ Large decrease ( $\geq 50\%$ ) |
| ▲ Moderate increase (20–49%)     | ▼ Moderate decrease (20–49%)     |
| ▲ Small increase (<20%)          | ▼ Small decrease (<20%)          |
| ↑ Increase of unknown magnitude  | ↓ Decrease of unknown magnitude  |

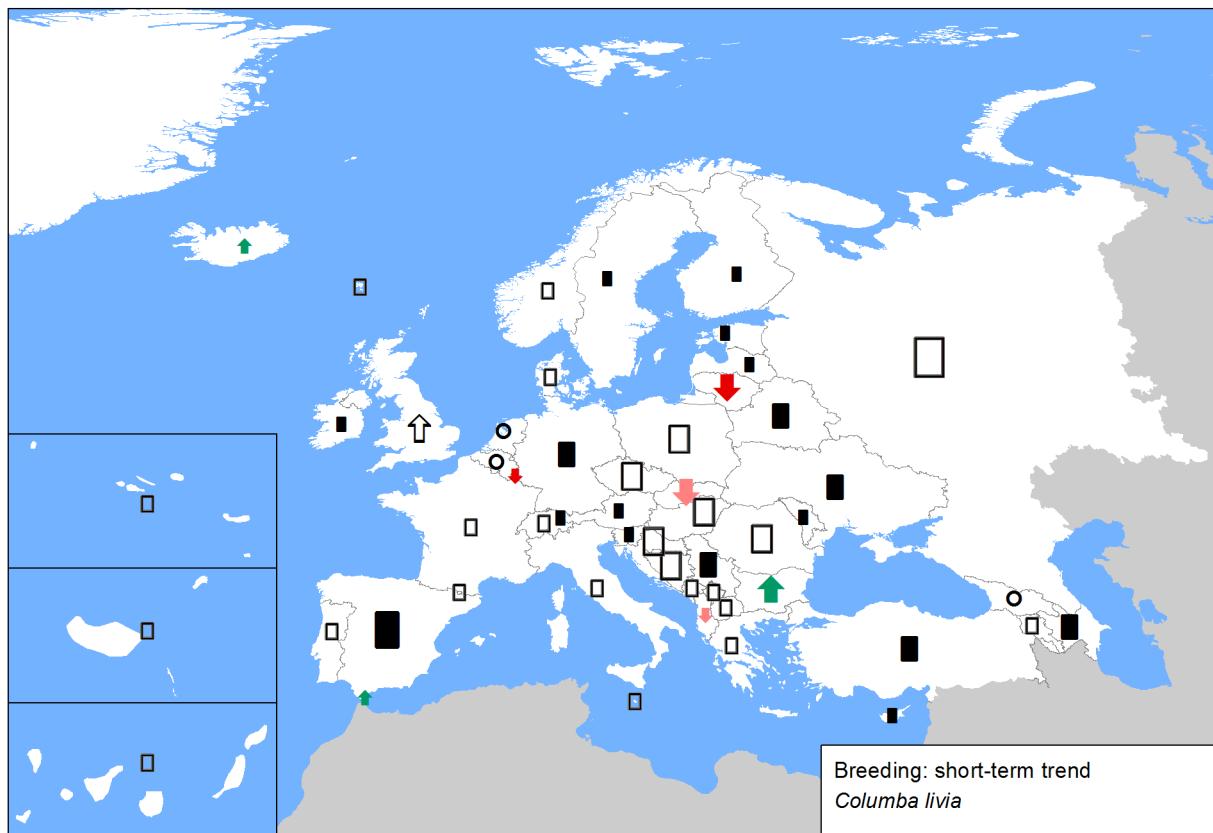
- Stable or fluctuating
- Unknown
- Present (no population or trend data)
- ✗ Extinct since 1980

Each symbol, with the exception of Present and Extinct, may occur in up to three different size classes, corresponding to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

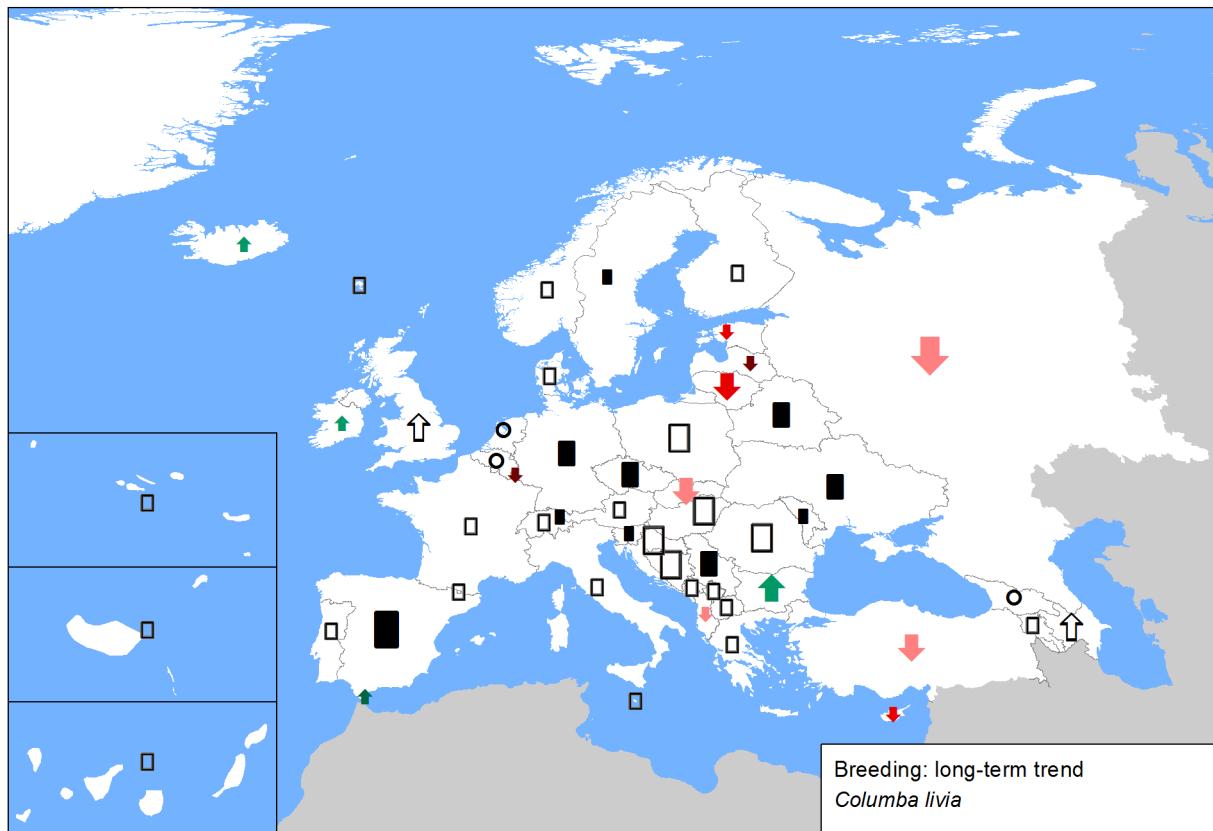
- ↑ Large:  $\geq 10\%$  of the European population
- ↑ Medium: 1–9% of the European population
- ↑ Small: <1% of the European population

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**Figure 1.** Breeding population sizes and short-term trends across Europe.



**Figure 2.** Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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Breeding short-term trend: Bino pers. obs.

Breeding long-term trend: Bino pers. obs.

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### **Armenia: *C. l. livia* and *domestica***

Breeding population size: ASPB data

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