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Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe¹.

| Country (or territory) ² | Population estimate | | | | Short-term population trend ⁴ | | | | Long-term population trend ⁴ | | | | Subspecific population (where relevant) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-----------|---------|--|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| | Size (pairs) ³ | Europe (%) | Year(s) | Quality | Direction ⁵ | Magnitude (%) ⁶ | Year(s) | Quality | Direction ⁵ | Magnitude (%) ⁶ | Year(s) | Quality | |
| Austria | 4-7 | <1 | 2008-2012 | good | 0 | 0 | 2001-2012 | good | 0 | 0 | 1980-2012 | good | |
| Belarus | 1,000-1,500 | <1 | 2000-2012 | medium | + | 25-100 | 2000-2012 | medium | + | 25-100 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Belgium | 10-100 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | - | 10-91 | 2000-2012 | poor | 0 | 0 | 1973-2012 | poor | |
| Czech Rep. | 2-4 | <1 | 2001-2003 | good | ? | | | | - | 33-43 | 1985-2003 | medium | |
| Denmark | 33,000 | 4 | 2011 | medium | + | 25-50 | 1999-2011 | good | + | 50-100 | 1980-2011 | good | |
| DK: Faroe Is | 1,000 | <1 | 1981 | medium | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Estonia | 10,000-15,000 | 1 | 2008-2012 | medium | 0 | 0-10 | 2001-2012 | medium | 0 | 0-10 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Finland | 70,000-90,000 | 10 | 2006-2010 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2001-2012 | good | + | 26-38 | 1980-2012 | good | |
| France | 29-31 | <1 | 2012 | good | F | 0 | 2000-2012 | good | + | 5-55 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Germany | 22,000-24,000 | 3 | 2005-2009 | good | 0 | 0 | 1998-2009 | medium | + | 31-400 | 1985-2009 | medium | |
| Hungary | 0-2 | <1 | 2000-2012 | medium | F | 0 | 2000-2012 | medium | F | 0 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Iceland | 700 | <1 | 2000 | medium | + | 30-50 | 2000- | medium | + | 30-50 | 1980-2004 | medium | |
| Rep. Ireland | 1,927 | <1 | 2012 | poor | + | 82 | 2002-2012 | poor | - | 47 | 1978-2012 | poor | |
| Latvia | 529-1,348 | <1 | 2000-2004 | good | ? | | | | + | 0-200 | 1980-2004 | medium | |
| Lithuania | 150-200 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2001-2012 | medium | + | 50-100 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Netherlands | 4,000-4,500 | 1 | 2009 | good | - | 34-55 | 2002-2011 | good | - | 56-58 | 1980-2009 | good | |
| Norway | 125,000 | 15 | 2013 | medium | - | 20-50 | 2003-2013 | good | F | 0 | 1974-2013 | good | |
| NO: Svalbard | 1-2 | <1 | 2004-2013 | good | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Poland | 800-1,200 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | - | 55-65 | 1998-2012 | medium | - | 70-80 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Russia | 250,000-600,000 | 47 | 2002-2008 | poor | 0 | 0 | 2000-2012 | poor | 0 | 0 | 1980-2012 | poor | |
| Slovakia | 0-3 | <1 | 2002 | good | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Sweden | 71,000-132,000 | 12 | 2008-2012 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2001-2012 | good | - | 23-40 | 1980-2012 | good | |
| Switzerland | 1-3 | <1 | 2008-2012 | good | 0 | 0 | 2001-2012 | good | - | 50-80 | 1980-2012 | good | |
| Ukraine | 50-150 | <1 | 2000 | medium | - | 10-50 | 2001-2012 | medium | F | 10-50 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| United Kingdom | 49,000 | 6 | 1998-2002 | good | - | 44 | 1998-2011 | medium | + | 36 | 1986-2000 | good | |
| EU27 | 262,000-352,000 | 37 | | | Stable | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | 640,000-1,080,000 | 100 | | | Decreasing | | | | | | | | |

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¹ 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>.

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³ 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.

⁴ 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.

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

⁶ Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

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Table 2. Reported national wintering population sizes and trends in Europe¹. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data, and that only minimum totals are presented, to avoid double-counting of birds moving between countries.

| Country (or territory) ² | Population estimate | | | | Short-term population trend ⁴ | | | | Long-term population trend ⁴ | | | | Subspecific population (where relevant) |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------|-----------|-----------|--|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|----------------------------|-----------|---------|---|
| | Size (individuals) ³ | Europe (%) | Year(s) | Quality | Direction ⁵ | Magnitude (%) ⁶ | Year(s) | Quality | Direction ⁵ | Magnitude (%) ⁶ | Year(s) | Quality | |
| Albania | 10-30 | <1 | 2002-2012 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2002-2012 | medium | 0 | 0 | 1980-2012 | poor | |
| Azerbaijan | 1,500-3,500 | 1 | 1996-2002 | poor | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Belarus | 10-20 | <1 | 2000-2012 | good | F | 50-100 | 2000-2012 | medium | ? | | | | |
| Belgium | 90,000-165,000 | 29 | 2002-2012 | medium | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Bosnia & HG | 5-40 | <1 | 2008-2013 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2000-2013 | medium | ? | | | | |
| Bulgaria | 10-900 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | - | 90 | 2000-2012 | good | F | 10-20 | 1980-2012 | poor | |
| Croatia | 100-1,200 | <1 | 2014 | poor | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| DK: Faroe Is | 300-1,000 | <1 | 1992 | medium | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| France | 37,300-45,000 | 10 | 2011-2012 | medium | F | 0 | 2000-2012 | medium | F | 0 | 1984-2012 | medium | |
| Georgia | Present | <1 | 2012 | | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Germany | 185,000 | 45 | 2000-2005 | medium | - | 11-100 | 1997-2009 | medium | F | 0 | 1989-2009 | medium | |
| Iceland | Present | <1 | 2012 | | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Rep. Ireland | 18,415 | 4 | 2006-2011 | medium | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Luxembourg | 1-30 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | F | 0-50 | 2000-2012 | medium | ? | | | | |
| Moldova | 5-15 | <1 | 2000-2010 | medium | F | 0 | 2000-2010 | medium | F | 0 | 1980-2010 | medium | |
| Montenegro | 0-10 | <1 | 2003-2012 | poor | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Poland | 12,000-20,000 | 4 | 2011-2012 | medium | ? | | | | ? | | | | |
| Serbia | 6,000-12,000 | 2 | 2008-2012 | medium | F | 0 | 2000-2012 | | ? | | | | |
| Slovenia | 400-1,000 | <1 | 2008-2012 | medium | + | 20-40 | 2001-2012 | good | 0 | 0 | 1980-2012 | medium | |
| Switzerland | 1,464-3,856 | 1 | 2008-2012 | good | - | 42-49 | 2001-2012 | good | - | 21-24 | 1980-2012 | good | |
| Turkey | 8,000-12,000 | 2 | 2012 | medium | 0 | 0 | 2002-2012 | poor | ? | | | | |
| Ukraine | 5,000-10,000 | 2 | 1998-2009 | medium | - | 10-50 | 1998-2009 | medium | F | 10-50 | 1980-2009 | medium | |
| EU27 | 343,000-435,000 | 92 | | Uncertain | | | | | | | | | |
| Europe | 366,000-479,000 | 100 | | Uncertain | | | | | | | | | |

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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

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| ▲ 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.

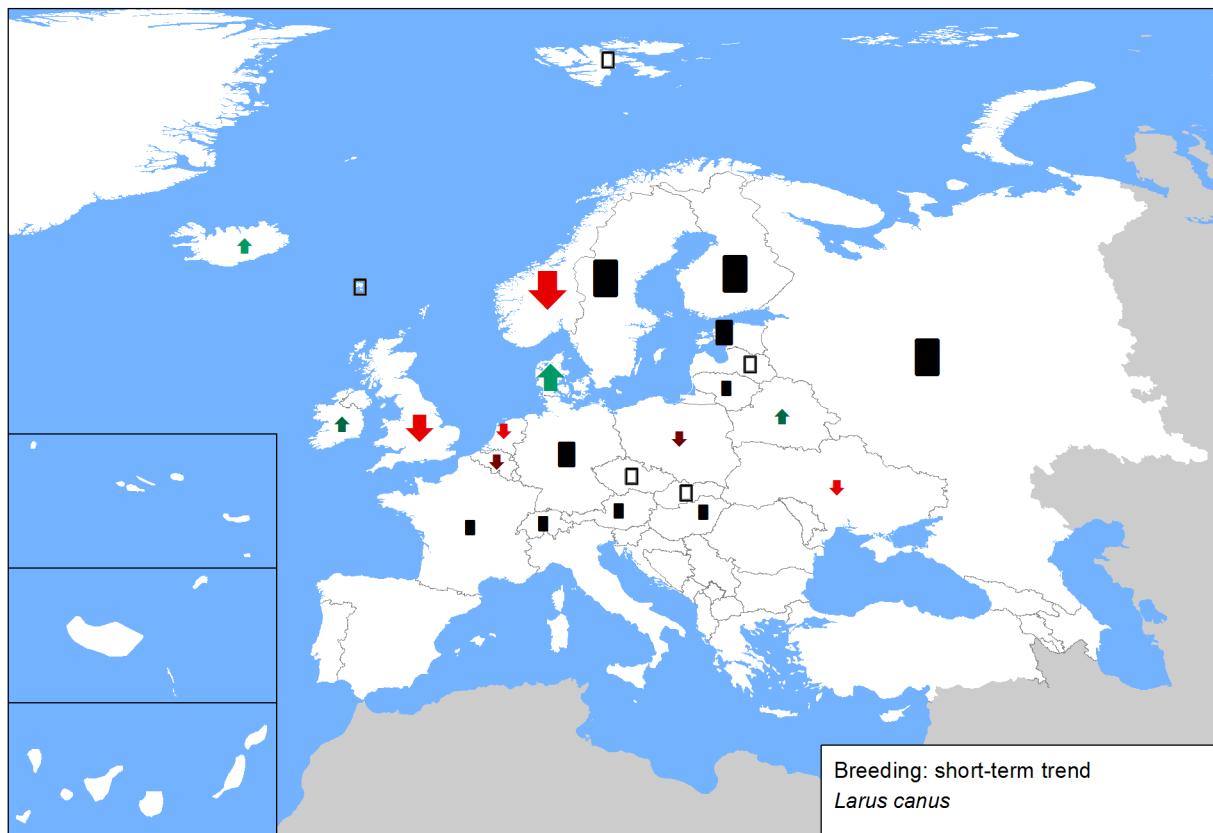


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.

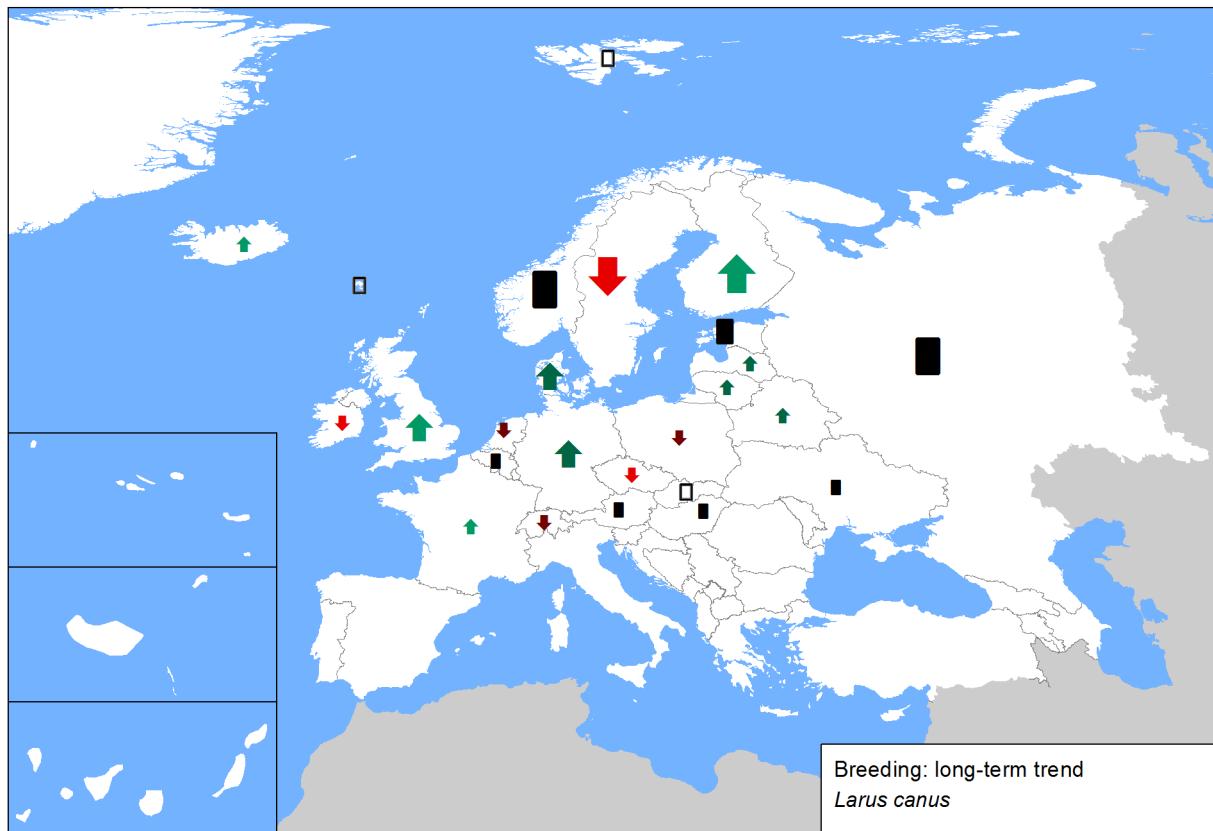


Figure 3. Reported wintering population sizes and short-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.

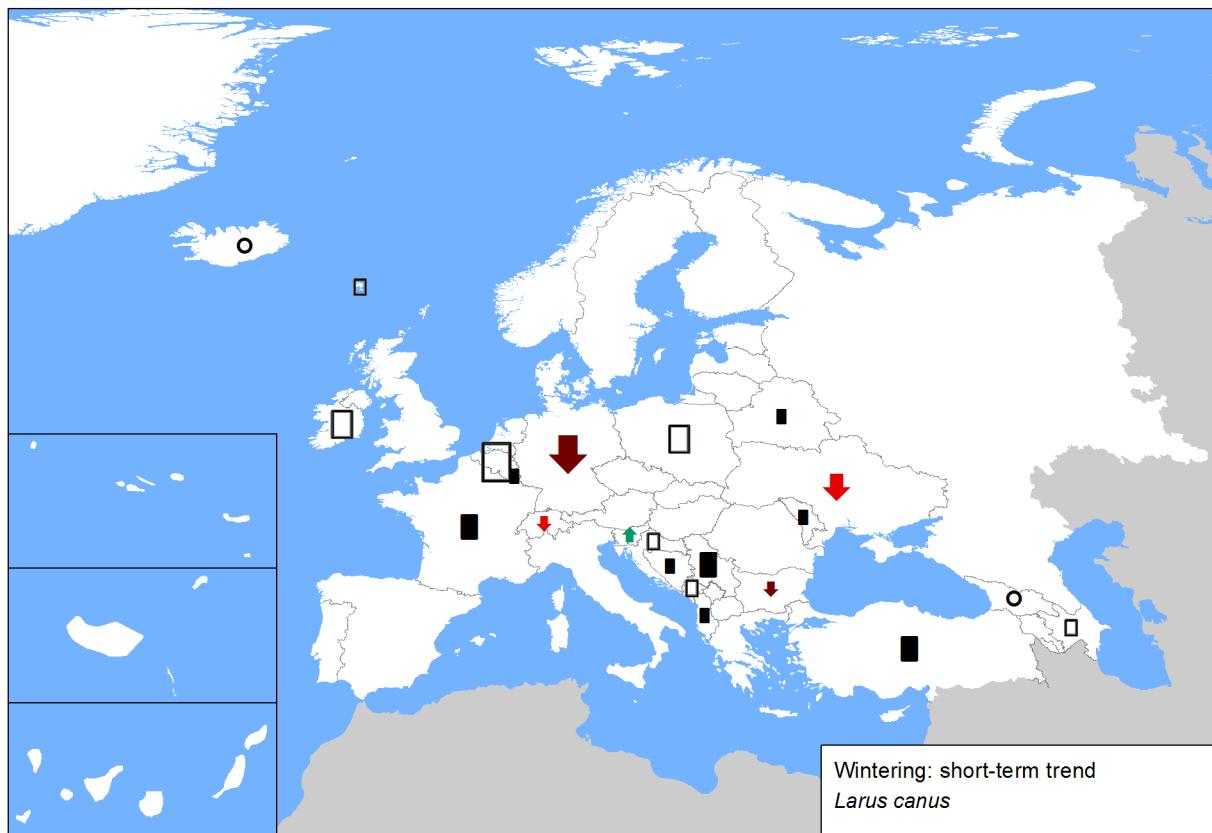
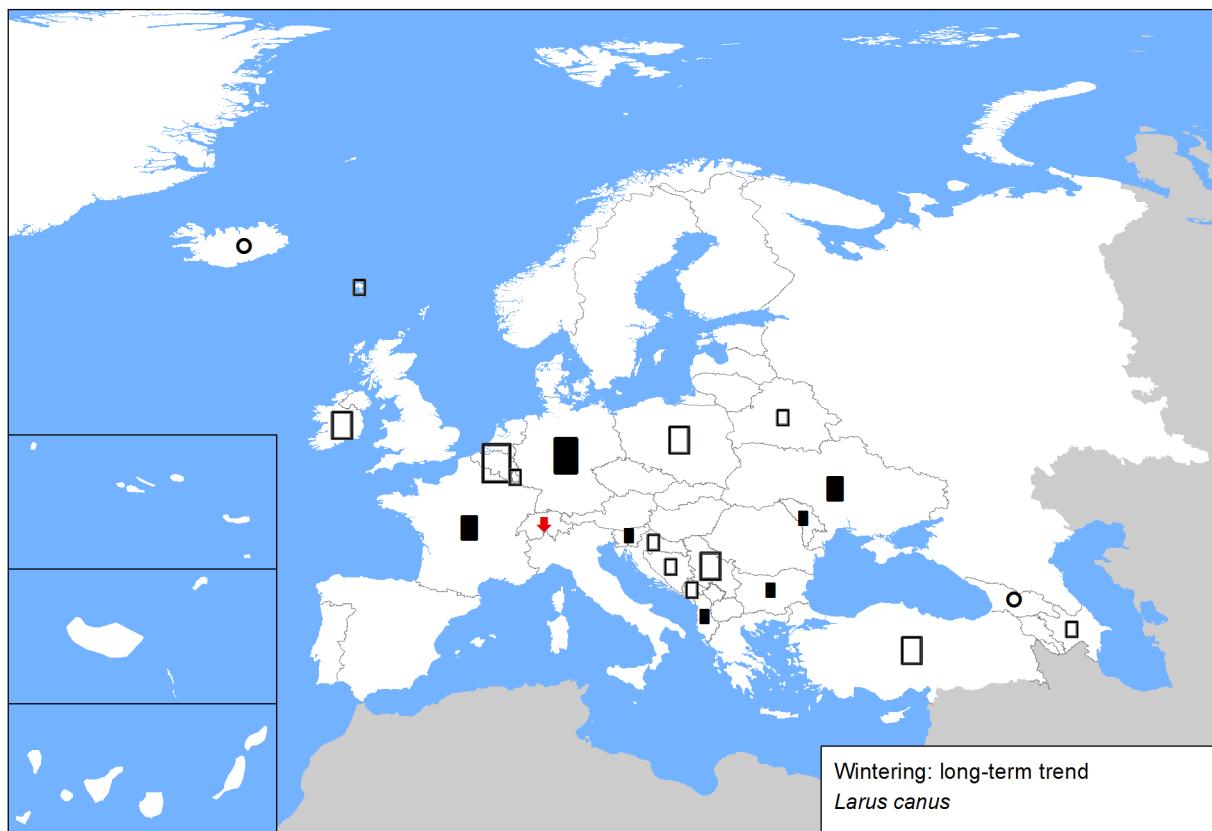


Figure 4. Reported wintering population sizes and long-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.



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