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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	
Armenia	10-20	<1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Austria	7,500-10,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	+	80-100	1980-2012	medium	
Azerbaijan	0-100	<1	1996-2000	poor	?				?				
Belarus	180,000-220,000	12	2000-2012	medium	F	10-20	2000-2012	medium	F	10-20	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	5,000-10,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	-	34-67	2000-2012	good	0	0	1973-2012	good	
Bosnia & HG	100-200	<1	2010-2014	poor	-	5-10	2001-2012	poor	-	5-10	1980-2013	poor	
Bulgaria	180-300	<1	2005-2012	medium	F	10-30	2001-2012	medium	-	5-10	1980-2012	medium	
Croatia	800-1,000	<1	2014	medium	-		2001-2012	poor	?				
Czech Rep.	50,000-100,000	4	2001-2003	good	?				-	33-38	1985-2003	good	
Denmark	80,000	5	2011	medium	-	20-33	1999-2011	good	-	50-100	1980-2011	good	
DK: Faroe Is	150	<1	1981	medium	?				?				
DK: Greenland	5-50	<1	2000-2012	poor	F	0	2000-2012	poor	F	0	1980-2012	poor	
Estonia	15,000-25,000	1	2008-2012	poor	-	50-70	2001-2012	poor	-	50-70	1980-2012	poor	
Finland	95,000-100,000	6	2003-2009	medium	+	11-46	2001-2012	good	-	26-44	1980-2012	good	
France	25,000-31,000	2	2009-2011	poor	-	25-35	2000-2011	medium	-	25-35	1980-2011	medium	
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	105,000-150,000	8	2005-2009	good	0	0	1998-2009	medium	0	0	1985-2009	medium	
Greece	0-5	<1	2008-2012	medium	?				?				
Hungary	6,000	<1	2000-2012	medium	F	0	2000-2012	medium	F	0	1980-2012	medium	
Iceland	25,000-30,000	2	1990	poor	-	10-29	1990-	poor	-	5-30	1990-	medium	
Rep. Ireland	9,318	1	2010-2012	poor	+	140	2002-2012	poor	+	6	1987-2012	poor	
Italy	500-1,000	<1	2003	medium	?				+	20-145	1982-2003	medium	
Latvia	25,172-52,702	2	2000-2004	good	?				-	34-70	1980-2004	medium	
Lithuania	30,000-60,000	3	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
FYRO Macedonia	0-250	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	30-50	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	-		1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	5-10	<1	2002-2012	good	0	0	2002-2012	good	?				
Netherlands	102,000-123,500	7	2009-2011	good	-	26-45	2002-2011	good	-	≥38	1977-2011	medium	
Norway	6,750-8,000	<1	2011	good	-	60-89	2002-2011	medium	-	65-71	1980-2011	medium	
Poland	90,000-100,000	6	2008-2012	medium	+	465-1190	2007-2012	good	-	55-70	1980-2012	medium	
Portugal	1-10	<1	2008-2012	medium	?				+		1995-2012		
Romania	3,500-8,000	<1	2008-2013	medium	?				+	0-19	1980-2012	poor	

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Russia	200,000-500,000	20	2000-2008	medium	F	0	2000-2010	poor	F	0	1980-2010	medium	
Serbia	3,300-4,100	<1	2008-2012	medium	+	1-9	2000-2012	medium	+	≥30	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	9,000-13,000	1	2012	good	-	20-50	2000-2012	good	-	20-50	1980-2012	good	
Slovenia	181-521	<1	2008-2012	good	+	365	2001-2012	good	+	437	1980-2012	medium	
Spain	9,148-9,211	1	2007-2009	good	+		1998-2009	good	+		1980-2009	medium	
Sweden	75,000-120,000	6	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	-	45-61	1980-2012	good	
Switzerland	725-1,039	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	-	6-71	1990-2012	good	
Turkey	2,000-3,000	<1	2013	poor	?				+	0-19	1990-2013	medium	
Ukraine	35,000-70,000	3	2000	medium	-	10-15	2001-2012	medium	F	10-30	1980-2012	medium	
United Kingdom	140,000	9	1998-2002	good	+	53	1999-2011	good	0	0	1986-2000	good	
EU27	883,000-1,150,000	62			Stable								
Europe	1,340,000-1,990,000	100			Fluctuating								

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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	5,000-20,000	1	2002-2012	medium	0	0	2002-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Armenia	7-1,985	<1	2003-2013	good	?				?				
Azerbaijan	10,000-20,000	1	1996-2002	medium	?				?				
Belarus	30-100	<1	2009-2012	good	F	30-70	2000-2012	medium	-	75-85	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	200,000-300,000	19	2008-2012	medium	?				?				
Bosnia & HG	1,500-3,000	<1	2008-2013	medium	F	10-20	2000-2013	medium	?				
Bulgaria	1,300-7,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	+	12	2000-2012	good	F	20-30	1980-2012	medium	
Croatia	5,000-10,000	1	2014	poor	?				?				
Cyprus	1,260-2,290	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	-	5-15	1980-2012	medium	
DK: Faroe Is	200-600	<1	1992	medium	?				?				
Georgia	114,944	9	2002	medium	?				?				
Germany	250,000	19	2000-2005	medium	F	0	1997-2009	medium	-	21-100	1989-2009	medium	
Greece	20,632-43,740	2	2007-2013	good	0	0	2004-2013	good	?			good	
Iceland	Present	<1	2012		?				?				
Rep. Ireland	50,181	4	2006-2011	medium	?				?				
Luxembourg	100-2,600	<1	2008-2012	medium	F	0-70	2000-2012	medium	?				
FYRO Macedonia	1,500-6,000	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Moldova	320-800	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	F	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	1,200-3,500	<1	2003-2012	medium	+		2003-2012	medium	+		1991-2012	poor	
Poland	11,000-21,000	1	2011-2012	medium	?				?				
Portugal	Present	<1	2012		?				?				
Serbia	60,000-100,000	6	2008-2012	medium	F	0	2000-2012		?				
Spain	330,392	25	2009	good	+		2000-2010	good	+	29	1984-2009	good	
Switzerland	33,516-41,751	3	2008-2012	good	-	0-2	2001-2012	good	-	31-32	1980-2012	medium	
Turkey	90,000-130,000	8	2012	medium	F	0	2002-2012	poor	?				
Ukraine	12,000-20,000	1	1998-2009	medium	-	10-15	1998-2009	medium	F	10-40	1980-2009	medium	
EU27	865,000-1,010,000	70			Uncertain								
Europe	1,200,000-1,480,000	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.

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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.

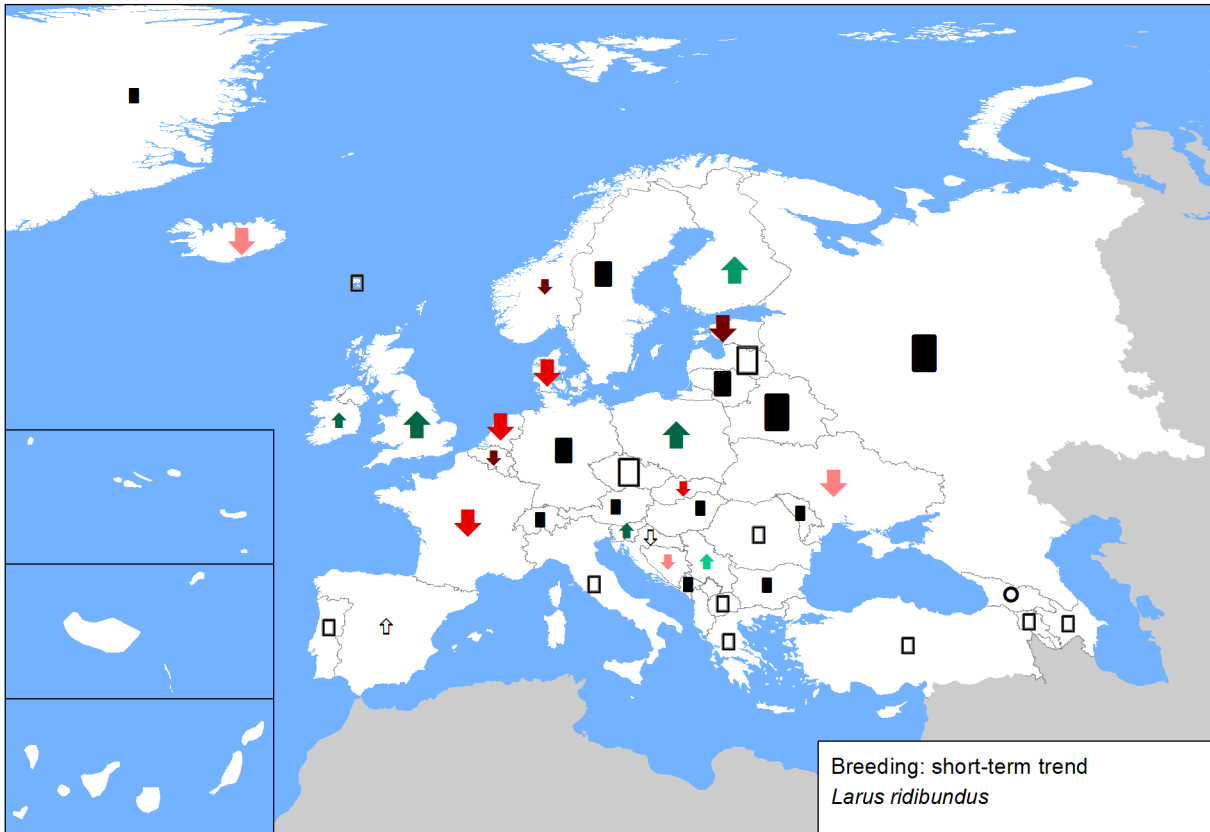


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.

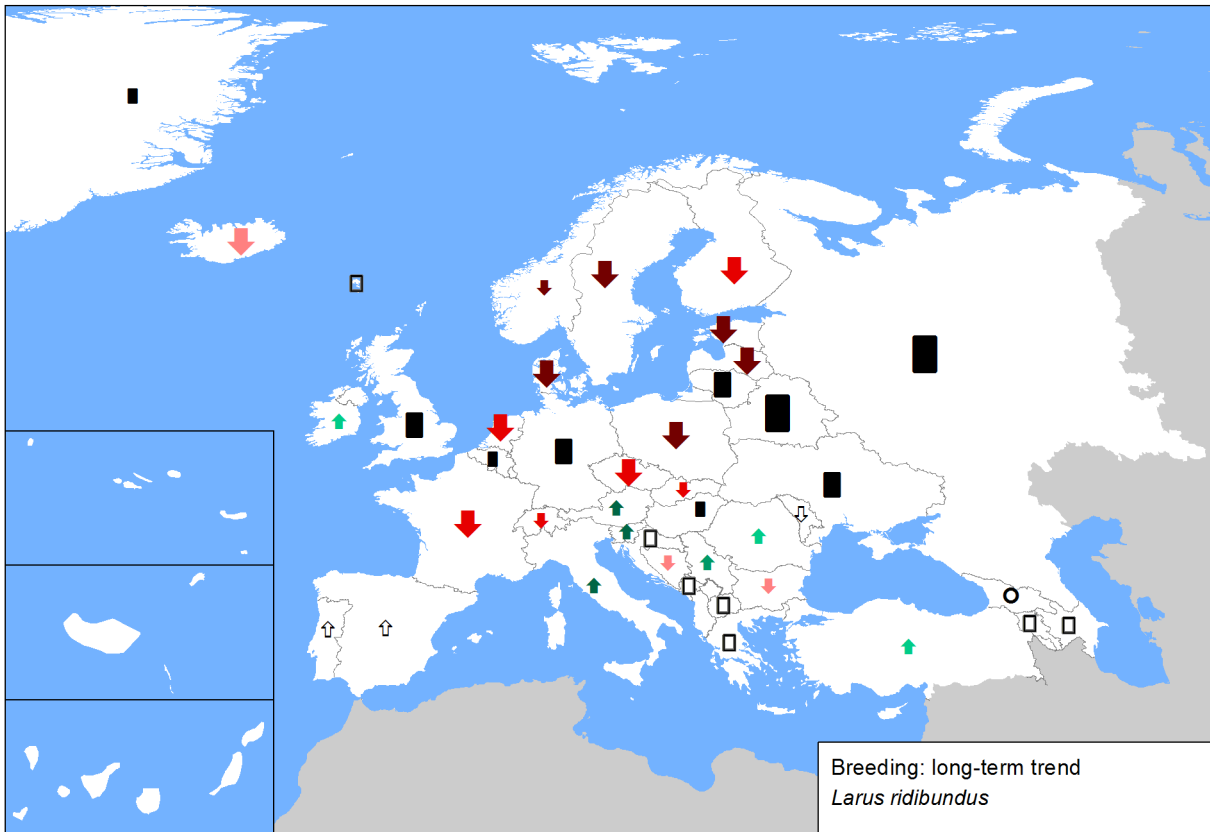


Figure 3. Reported wintering population sizes and short-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.

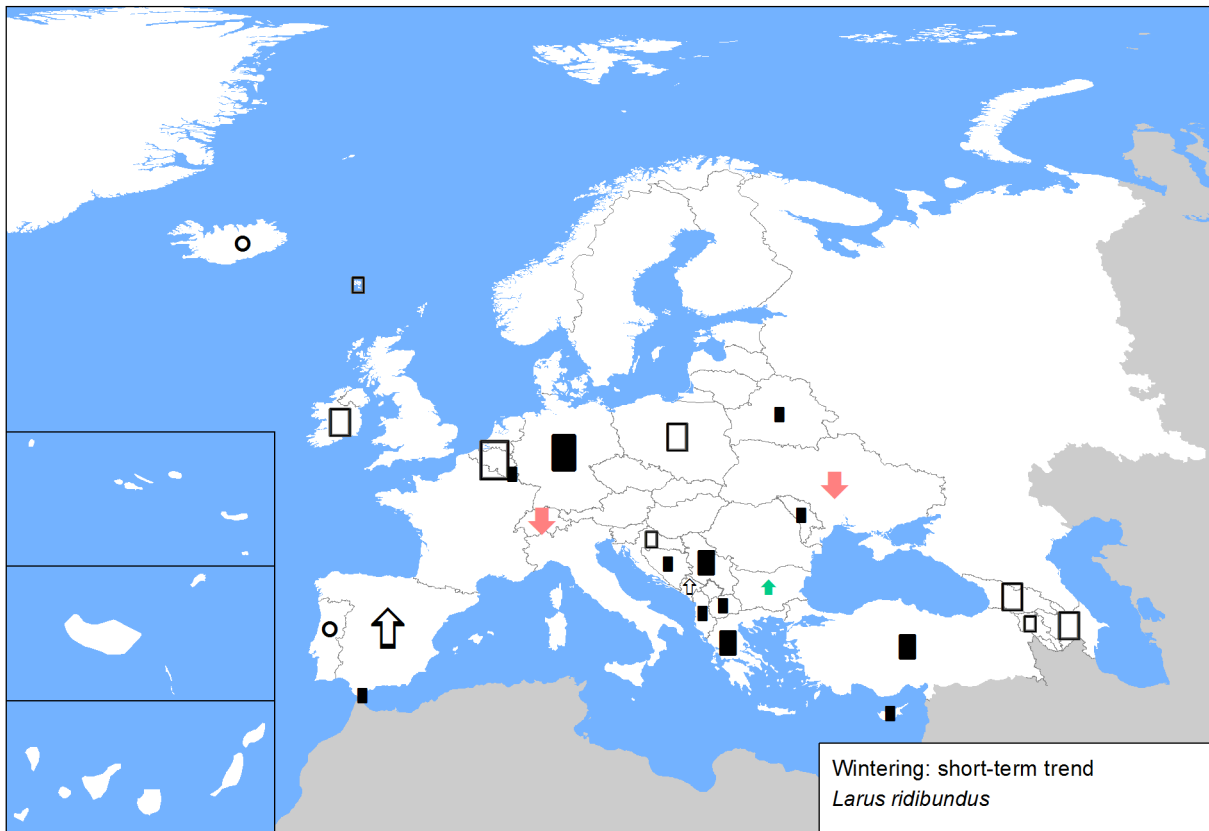
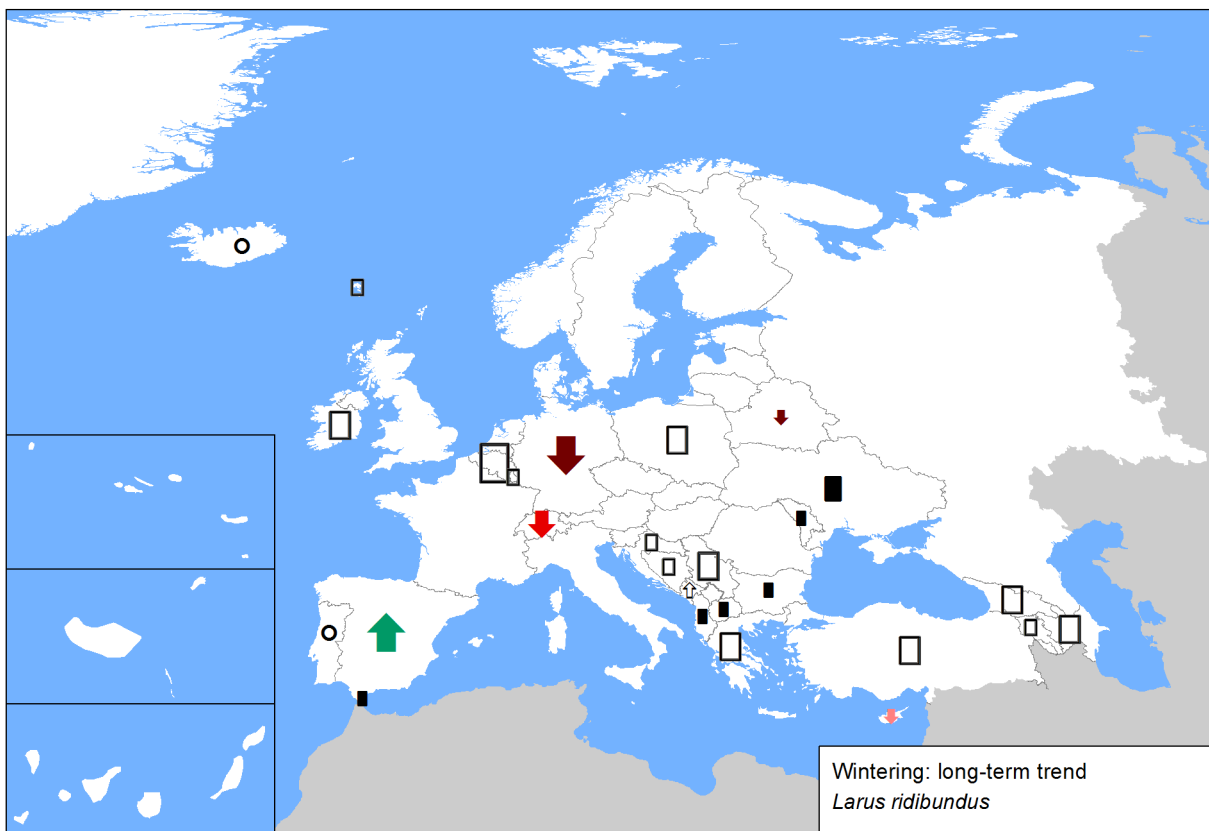


Figure 4. Reported wintering population sizes and long-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.



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