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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 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	
Albania	0-10	<1	2002-2012	medium	0	0	2002-2012	medium	-	50-90	1980-2012	poor	
Armenia	200-400	<1	2002-2012	good	?				?				
Austria	55-65	<1	2008-2012	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	F	0	1980-2012	good	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Azerbaijan	5,000-10,000	10	2014	poor	+		2000-2014		+		1980-2014	poor	
Belarus	30-70	<1	2012	medium	+	159-500	1998-2012	medium	+	500-1300	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	6-11	<1	2008-2012	good	-	69-83	2000-2012	good	?				N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Bosnia & HG	50-150	<1	2010-2014	poor	?				-	10-20	1980-2013	poor	
Bulgaria	1,800-2,500	3	2005-2012	medium	0	0-5	2000-2012	medium	0	0-10	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Croatia	600-800	1	2013	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	?				
Cyprus	5-10	<1	2005-2010	good	0	0	2001-2012	good	+	75-125	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Czech Rep.	619-768	1	2001-2012	good	+	57-59	2000-2012	medium	+	49-50	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
France	3,356	5	2007	good	-	20	2000-2007	good	0	0	1980-2008	good	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	18-22	<1	2005-2009	good	0	0	1998-2008	medium	+	471-2078	1985-2008	good	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Greece	1,325	2	2009	good	0	0	2003-2009	good	+	100-150	1985-2009	good	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Hungary	2,200-3,600	4	2008-2012	good	0	0	2000-2012	good	?				N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Italy	6,300-6,600	9	2002-2012	medium	-	50-55	2002-2012	medium	-	60-65	1981-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Kosovo	80-120	<1	2009-2014	good	?				?				
FYRO Macedonia	20-40	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	?				
Moldova	500-900	1	2001-2012	medium	F	0	2001-2012	medium	F	0	1980-2012	medium	
Montenegro	30-60	<1	2002-2012	good	0	0	2002-2012	good	?				
Netherlands	25-45	<1	2008-2011	good	+	10-138	2002-2011	good	+	2400-4400	1983-2011	good	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Poland	967	1	2012	good	+	150	2001-2013	good	+	1800	1980-2013	good	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Portugal	160-200	<1	2008-2012	medium	-	30-70	2001-2012	medium	-	50-70	1990-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Romania	4,000-8,000	8	2008-2013	medium	?				+	0-19	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Russia	10,000-15,000	17	2005-2008	poor	-	5-30	2000-2012	poor	-	5-30	1980-2012	poor	

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Serbia	2,800-3,750	5	2008-2012	medium	+	1-9	2000-2012	medium	+	10-29	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	500-1,000	1	2012	medium	+	10-20	2000-2012	medium	+	50-100	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Slovenia	10-20	<1	2002-2012	medium	+	0-20	2001-2012	medium	+	10-20	1980-2012	medium	N. n. nycticorax, C & E Europe/Black Sea & E Mediterranean (bre)
Spain	4,964-5,354	7	2010-2011	good	-	61	1998-2011	good	+		1980-2011	medium	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
ES: Canary Is	7-8	<1	2011	medium	+		2001-2012	medium	+		1980-2012	poor	N. n. nycticorax, W Europe, NW Africa (bre)
Turkey	4,000-8,000	8	2013	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	+	30-49	1990-2013	medium	
Ukraine	10,400-12,900	16	2000	medium	F	10-20	2001-2012	medium	F	15-30	1980-2012	medium	
EU27	26,300-33,900	42			Decreasing								
Europe	60,000-86,100	100			Decreasing								

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.

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.

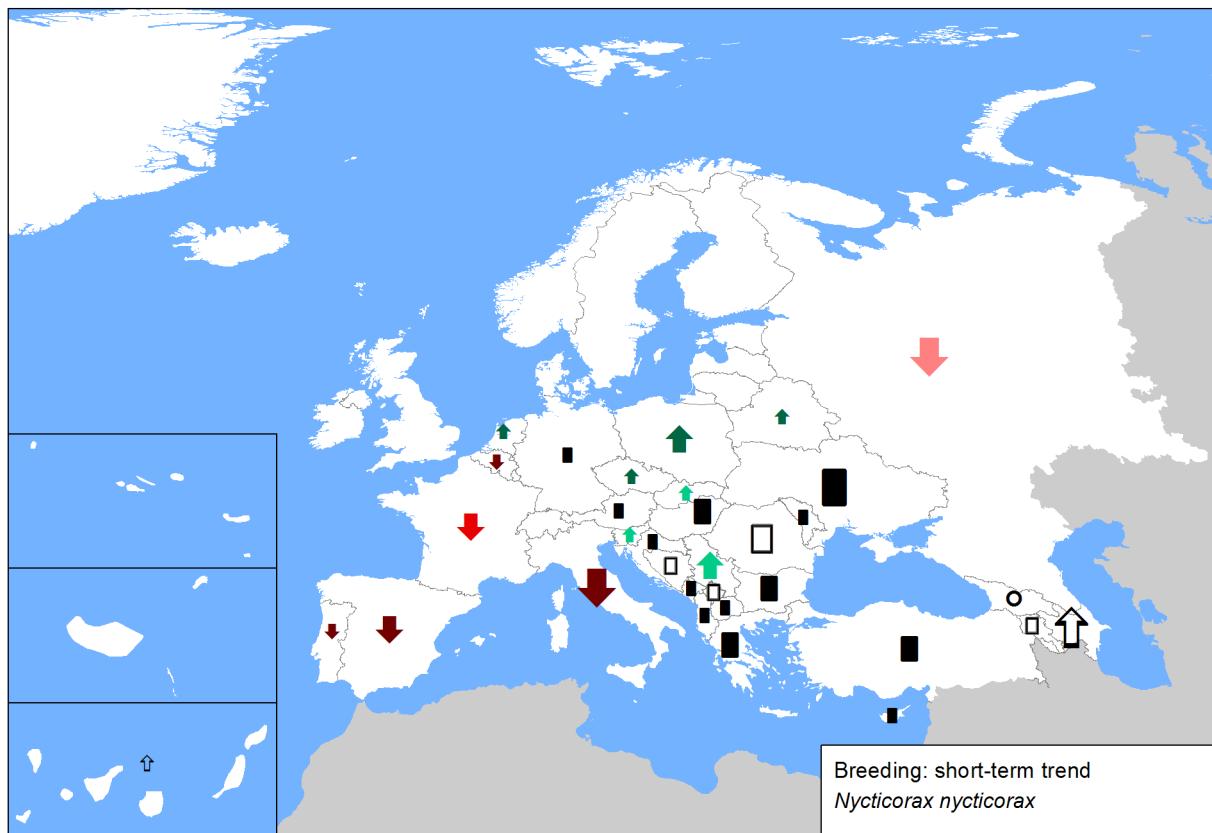
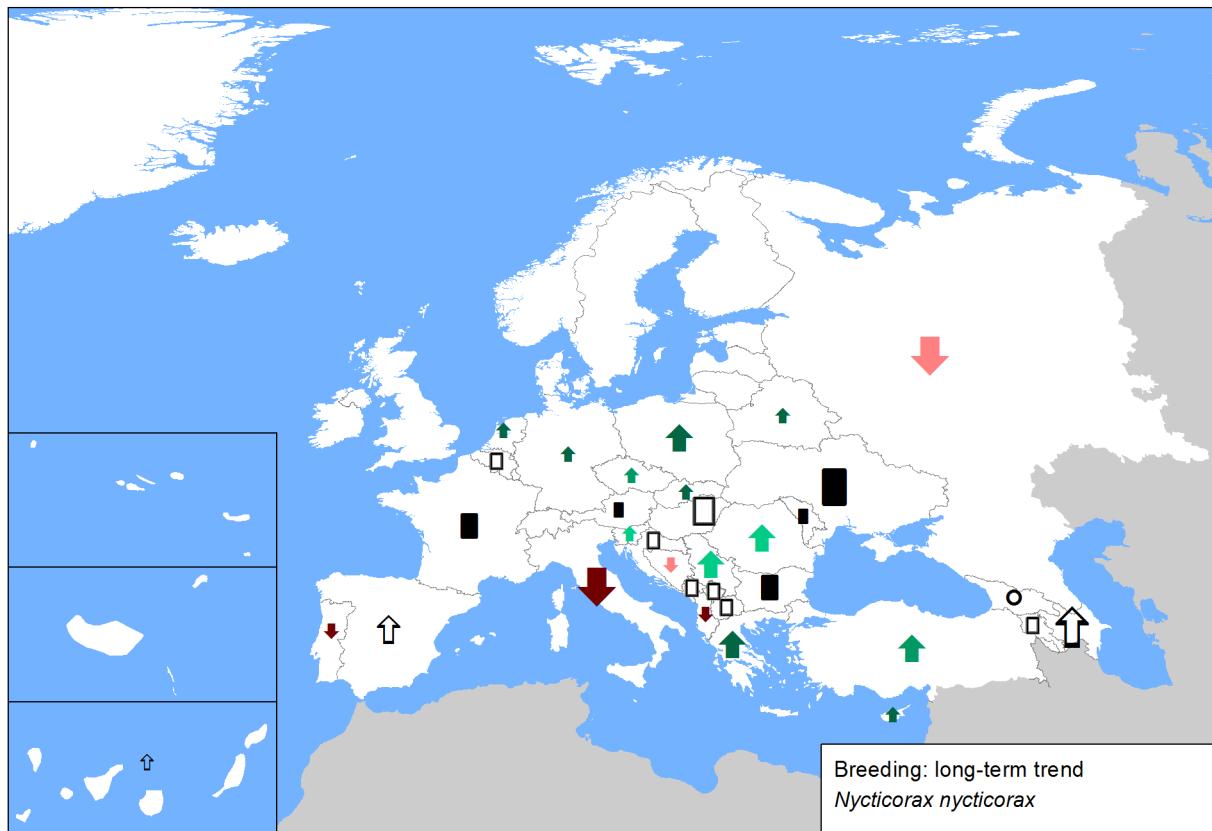


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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Kosovo

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