

## *Sylvia communis* (Common Whitethroat)

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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	5,000-15,000	<1	2002-2012	medium	0	0	2002-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	poor	
Andorra	0-2	<1	1999-2001	poor	?				?				
Armenia	100,000-200,000	1	2002-2012	medium	?				?				
Austria	25,000-45,000	<1	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	-	20-50	1980-2012	poor	
Azerbaijan	10,000-100,000	<1	1996-2000	poor	?				?				
Belarus	800,000-900,000	4	2001-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Belgium	10,000-50,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	+	1-17	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1973-2012	medium	
Bosnia & HG	20,000-30,000	<1	2010-2014	poor	?				?				
Bulgaria	50,000-150,000	<1	2005-2012	medium	+	33-167	2001-2012	good	0	0-5	1980-2012	poor	
Croatia	500,000-1,000,000	3	2014	poor	?				?				
Czech Rep.	70,000-140,000	<1	2012	medium	-	25-54	2000-2012	good	+	8-48	1982-2012	good	
Denmark	320,000	1	2011	medium	0	0	1999-2011	good	0	0	1980-2011	good	
Estonia	500,000-800,000	3	2008-2012	medium	-	20-50	2001-2012	medium	0	0-10	1980-2012	medium	
Finland	280,000-360,000	1	2006-2012	good	-	10-33	2001-2012	good	0	0	1983-2012	good	
France	600,000-1,000,000	4	2008-2012	medium	+	19	2001-2011	medium	-	30	1989-2011	medium	
Georgia	Present	<1			?				?				
Germany	500,000-800,000	3	2005-2009	medium	F	0	1998-2009	good	+	6-58	1990-2009	good	
Greece	60,000-90,000	<1	2007-2013	good	?				?				
Hungary	196,000-267,000	1	2000-2012	medium	-	7-38	1999-2012	medium	-	10-30	1980-2012	poor	
Rep. Ireland	58,000-233,360	<1	2006-2011	good	+	23-89	1998-2011	good	?				
Italy	50,000-250,000	1	2010	poor	-	25-35	2000-2012	medium	-	20-30	1990-2012	poor	
Kosovo	4,000-8,000	<1	2009-2014	medium	?				?				
Latvia	365,711-655,541	2	2012	good	+	1-40	2001-2012	good	+	100-260	1995-2012	good	
Liechtenstein	0-1	<1	2009-2014	good	0	0	2003-2014	good	-	100	1980-2014	good	
Lithuania	250,000-400,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Luxembourg	3,000-4,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	+	20-40	2000-2012	poor	+	30-70	1980-2012	poor	
FYRO Macedonia	10,000-20,000	<1	2001-2012	poor	?				?				
Moldova	5,000-7,000	<1	2000-2010	medium	F	0	2000-2010	medium	0	0	1980-2010	medium	
Montenegro	2,500-7,000	<1	2002-2012	poor	?				?				
Netherlands	168,011-193,859	1	2008-2011	medium	+	61-78	2002-2011	good	+	111-181	1984-2011	good	
Norway	100,000-200,000	1	2013	poor	+	25-50	2008-2013	good	+	250-300	1980-2013	good	
Poland	2,300,000-3,000,000	12	2008-2012	good	-	10-20	2000-2012	good	?				

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Portugal	50,000-100,000	<1	2008-2012	poor	?				?				
Romania	1,000,000-3,000,000	8	2010-2013	medium	+	2-16	2001-2013	medium	?				
Russia	5,200,000-8,200,000	30	2000-2008	medium	0	0	2000-2012	poor	0	0	1980-2012	poor	
Serbia	75,000-95,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2000-2012	medium	0	0	1980-2012	medium	
Slovakia	50,000-100,000	<1	2002-2012	medium	-	1-10	2000-2012	medium	-	1-10	1980-2012	medium	
Slovenia	25,000-35,000	<1	2002-2011	good	-	16-42	2001-2012	good	?				
Spain	510,000-780,000	3	2004-2006	good	-	38	1998-2012	good	-		1980-2012	medium	
Sweden	164,000-330,000	1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	good	0	0	1980-2012	good	
Switzerland	1,000-2,000	<1	2008-2012	medium	0	0	2001-2012	medium	0	0	1990-2012	medium	
Turkey	300,000-900,000	2	2013	poor	0	0	2000-2012	poor	?				
Ukraine	1,460,000-1,900,000	8	2000	medium	F	15-20	1998-2010	medium	F	20-30	1980-2010	medium	
United Kingdom	1,100,000	5	2009	medium	+	32	1998-2010	good	+	86	1980-2010	good	
<b>EU27</b>	<b>8,700,000-14,200,000</b>	<b>51</b>			<b>Stable</b>								
<b>Europe</b>	<b>17,300,000-27,800,000</b>	<b>100</b>			<b>Stable</b>								

<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

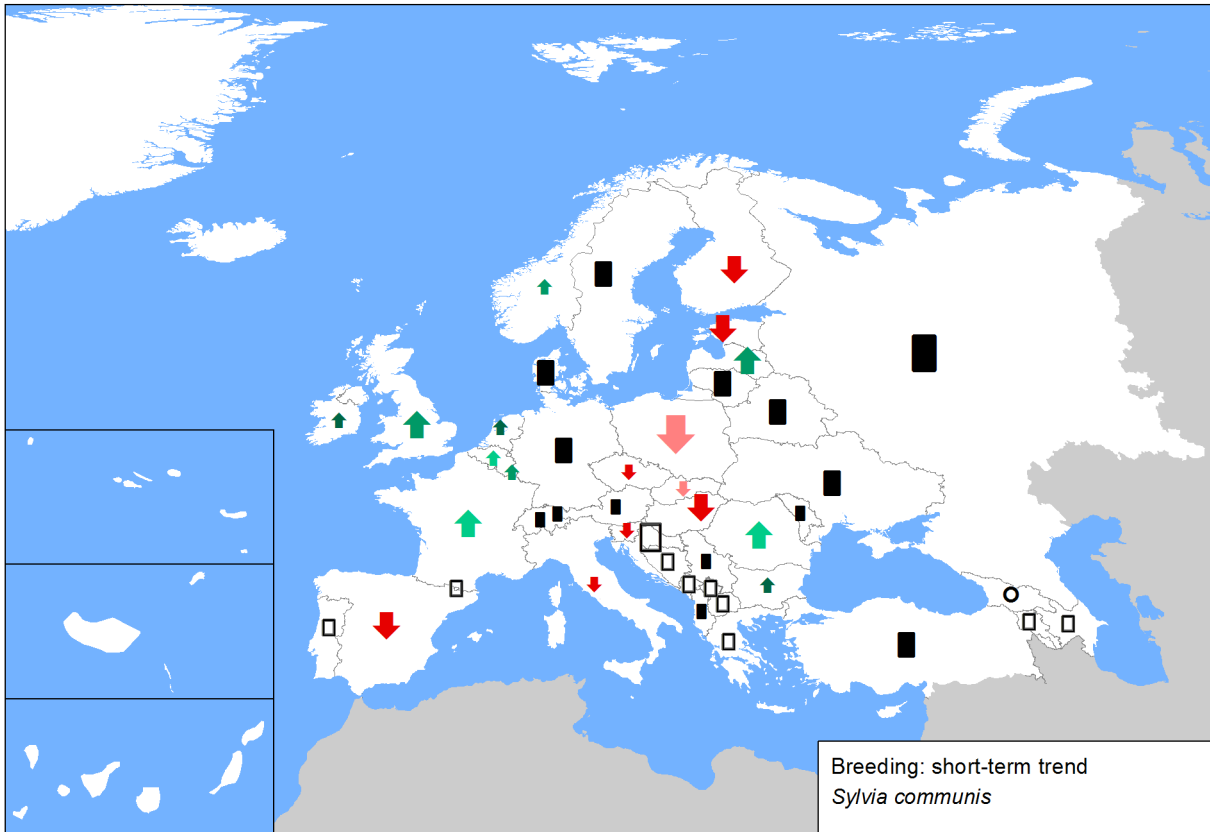
- |   |                                  |
|---|----------------------------------|
| ↑ Large increase ( $\geq 50\%$ )        | ↓ Large decrease ( $\geq 50\%$ ) |
| ↑ Moderate increase (20–49%)            | ↓ Moderate decrease (20–49%)     |
| ↑ Small increase ( $< 20\%$ )           | ↓ Small decrease ( $< 20\%$ )    |
| ↑ 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.

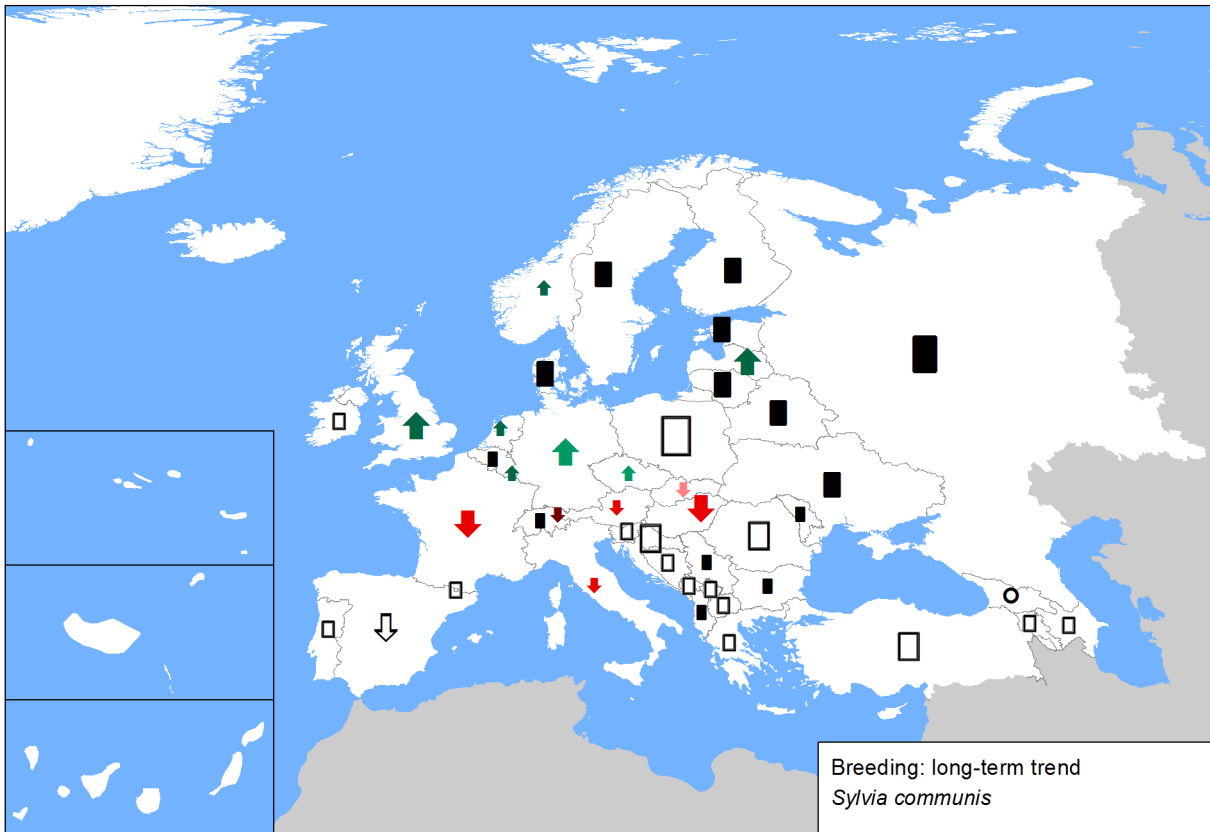
- ↑ Large:  $\geq 10\%$  of the European population
- ↑ Medium: 1–9% of the European population
- ↑ Small:  $< 1\%$  of the European population

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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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