

Merops apiaster

EUROPEAN BEE-EATER

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** (Depleted)

Criteria Moderate historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

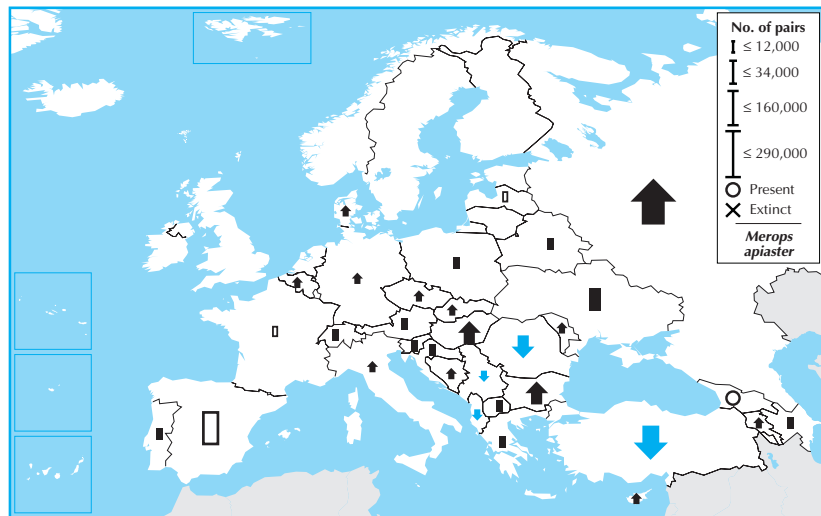
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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Merops apiaster is a widespread summer visitor to southern and eastern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>480,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species increased overall during 1990–2000—with increasing or stable trends across most of its European range—its population probably has not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	300 – 1,000	98-02	(-)	(20-29)	
Armenia	3,000 – 6,500	00-02	+	0-9	
Austria	150 – 300	98-02	F	>80	
Azerbaijan	(5,000 – 10,000)	96-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Belarus	30 – 60	97-02	0	0-19	
Belgium	6 – 11	90-02	+	0-19	1
Bosnia & HG	(0 – 70)	90-00	(+)	(0-9)	
Bulgaria	15,000 – 30,000	96-02	+	0-19	
Croatia	(1,000 – 5,000)	02	(0)	(0-19)	16
Cyprus	80 – 200	93-02	+	0-9	
Czech Rep.	36 – 40	00	+	300	
Denmark	4 – 6	98-01	+	N	4,5,6,7
France	4,000 – 12,000	00-02	?	-	4,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	-	
Germany	120 – 190	95-99	+	30-49	
Greece	(2,000 – 3,000)	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Hungary	20,000 – 40,000	97-01	+	20-29	5,19
Italy	5,000 – 10,000	03	+	10-19	
Latvia	0 – 3	03	?	-	8,22
Macedonia	4,000 – 20,000	90-00	(0)	(0-9)	
Moldova	8,000 – 10,000	90-00	+	30-49	
Poland	20 – 50	90-00	F	30-49	2
Portugal	(5,000 – 25,000)	02	(0)	(0-19)	
Romania	15,000 – 20,000	00-02	-	0-19	
Russia	(200,000 – 400,000)	90-00	(+)	(20-29)	2,8,73
Serbia & MN	2,800 – 3,800	90-02	-	0-19	1,155,134,197, 29,67a,78,227
Slovakia	700 – 1,300	80-99	+	20-29	
Slovenia	30 – 40	90-00	0	0-19	
Spain	(100,000 – 250,000)	98-02	?	-	10
Switzerland	5 – 15	98-02	F	20-29	
Turkey	(60,000 – 120,000)	01	(-)	(0-19)	
Ukraine	25,000 – 45,000	90-00	0	0-9	

Total (approx.) 480,000 – 1,000,000 **Overall trend** Moderate increase
Breeding range >3,000,000 km² **Gen. length.** <3.3 **Global pop.** 25-49

2000 population	80		16	4	
1990 population	40		51	8	
Data quality (%) - <i>Merops apiaster</i>					
□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good					
1990-2000 trend	24		58		18
1970-1990 trend	21		23		54