

Apus unicolor

PLAIN SWIFT

SPEC 2 (1994: 4) **Status** (Rare)

Criteria <10,000 pairs

European IUCN Red List Category —

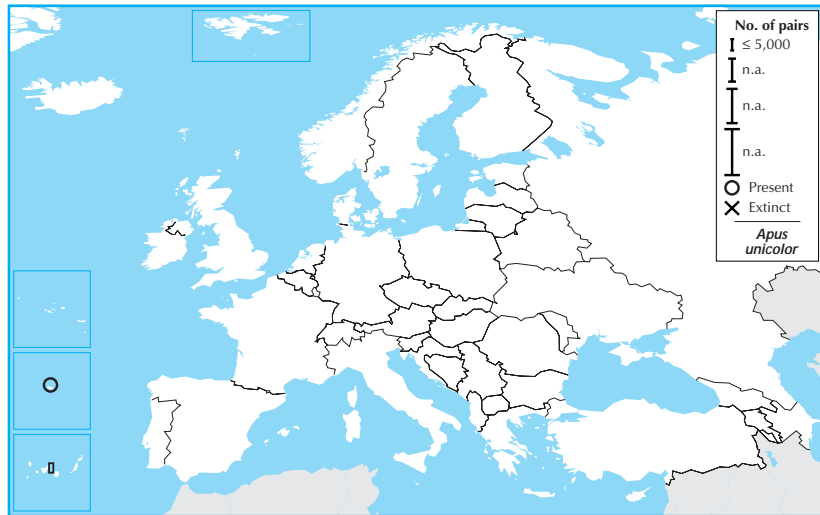
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

Criteria —



Apus unicolor breeds only in Europe, with its entire global breeding range confined to Madeira and the Canary Islands. The current size of the population on Madeira is unknown, but the total breeding population is small (possibly as few as 2,500 pairs), and was probably stable between 1970–1990. Although trend data were not available during 1990–2000, there was no evidence to suggest that the species declined. Nevertheless, its population size renders it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations, and consequently it is provisionally evaluated as Rare.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Portugal					
Madeira	Present	02	?	—	
Spain					
Canary Is.	(2,500 – 10,000)	97–03	?	—	25
Total (approx.)	2,500 – 10,000		Overall trend	Unknown	
Breeding range	>20,000 km ²		Gen. length.	7	% Global pop. 100

2000 population

100

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) – *Apus unicolor*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

100

1970–1990 trend

100

2000 population

53

41

6

1990 population

53

46

Data quality (%) – *Apus apus* (see p. 168, bottom)

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1990–2000 trend

40

48

8

4

1970–1990 trend

4

52

40

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