

Columba livia

ROCK PIGEON

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

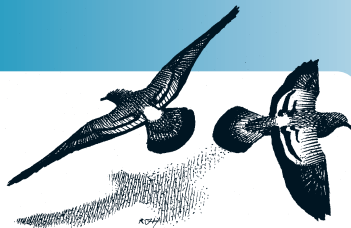
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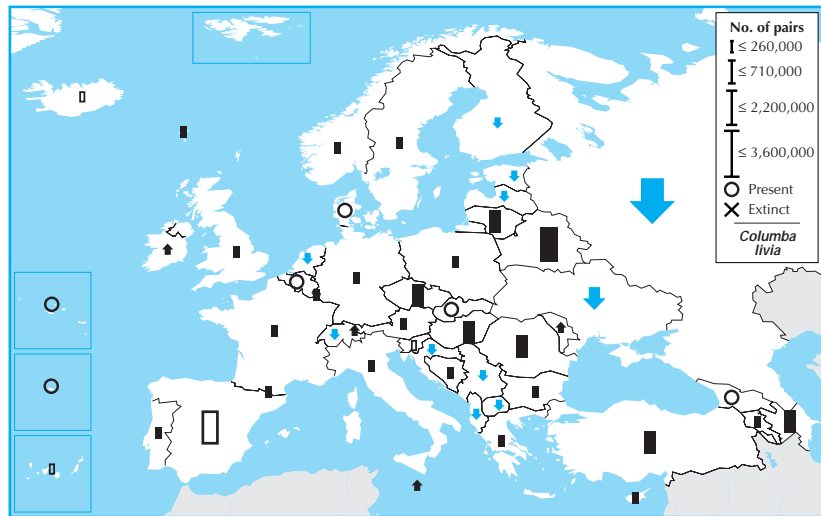
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Columba livia is a widespread resident across much of Europe (except the far north), which accounts for less than half of its global range. Its European breeding population is very large (>9,300,000 pairs), and was probably stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in several countries—notably Russia—during 1990–2000, the species was stable or increased across most of Europe. The status of the truly wild population of this species in Europe is obscured by confusion with feral birds. Nevertheless, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	1,000 – 3,000	02	(–)	(0–19)	
Andorra	(50 – 250)	01	(0)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	800 – 3,500	97–02	0	0–19	
Austria	(100,000 – 150,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(250,000 – 500,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	1,200,000 – 1,500,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	Present	00	?	–	
Bosnia & HG	(2,500 – 10,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Bulgaria	400 – 800	96–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Croatia	(1,000 – 5,000)	02	(–)	(50–79)	16
Cyprus	(2,500 – 10,000)	94–02	(0)	(0–9)	
Czech Rep.	500,000 – 1,000,000	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	Present	00	?	–	
Faroe Is.	500 – 500	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	(100,000 – 150,000)	98	–	20–29	1
Finland	20,000 – 40,000	98–02	–	0–19	
France	800 – 2,000	98–00	(0)	(0–19)	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	200,000 – 330,000	95–99	(0)	(0–19)	
Greece	(10,000 – 30,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	(400,000 – 500,000)	90–00	0	0–19	14
Iceland	(50 – 250)	02	?	–	40,26
Rep. Ireland	(1,000 – 2,500)	88–91	+	0–19	
Italy	(3,000 – 7,000)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	100,000 – 200,000	90–00	(–)	(50–79)	16
Liechtenstein	50 – 100	98–00	+	0–19	
Lithuania	(500,000 – 700,000)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	(5,000 – 10,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Macedonia	150 – 250	90–00	–	20–29	
Malta	1,000 – 2,500	90–02	+	20–29	
Moldova	6,000 – 8,000	90–00	+	0–19	
Netherlands	(50,000 – 200,000)	98–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Norway	(15,000 – 30,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	(100,000 – 250,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	2
Portugal	(100 – 1,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azores	Present	02	?	–	
Madeira	Present	02	?	–	
Romania	(400,000 – 600,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	2,500,000 – 5,000,000	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	23,122
Serbia & MN	1,500 – 2,500	90–02	–	20–29	1,227,67a,155,225
Slovakia	Present	90–99	?	–	
Slovenia	100 – 200	90–00	?	–	
Spain	(2,000,000 – 2,280,000)	92	?	–	13,12,10
Canary Is.	(20,000 – 100,000)	97–03	?	–	28,25
Sweden	30,000 – 50,000	99–00	0	0–19	
Switzerland	20,000 – 40,000	93–96	(–)	(0–19)	
Turkey	(400,000 – 800,000)	01	(0)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	(300,000 – 500,000)	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	
UK	(100,000 – 250,000)	88–91	0	3	22

Total (approx.) 9,300,000 – 15,000,000
Breeding range >8,000,000 km²

Overall trend Unknown
Gen. length <3.3 % Global pop. 25–49
(See p. 152, bottom, for data quality graph)