

# *Elanus caeruleus*

## BLACK-WINGED KITE



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

**Criteria** <10,000 pairs

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Elanus caeruleus* is resident in Iberia and south-west France, with Europe accounting for a tiny proportion of its global range. Its European breeding population is very small (as few as 810 pairs), but increased substantially between 1970–1990, and continued to increase—albeit at a slower rate—during 1990–2000. Nevertheless, its population size still renders it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations, and consequently it is evaluated as Rare.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
France	7 – 7	00–02	+	>80	7
Portugal	(300 – 1,000)	02	(+)	(–)	
Spain	(500 – 1,000)	98–02	(+)	(0–19)	10,16
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	810 – 2,000		<b>Overall trend</b>	Small increase	
<b>Breeding range</b>	>100,000 km <sup>2</sup>		<b>Gen. length</b>	5	<b>% Global pop.</b> <5



2000 population

99

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) - *Elanus caeruleus*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

99

1970–1990 trend

24

76