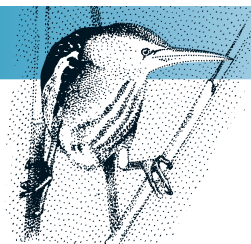


Ixobrychus minutus

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

Criteria Large historical decline

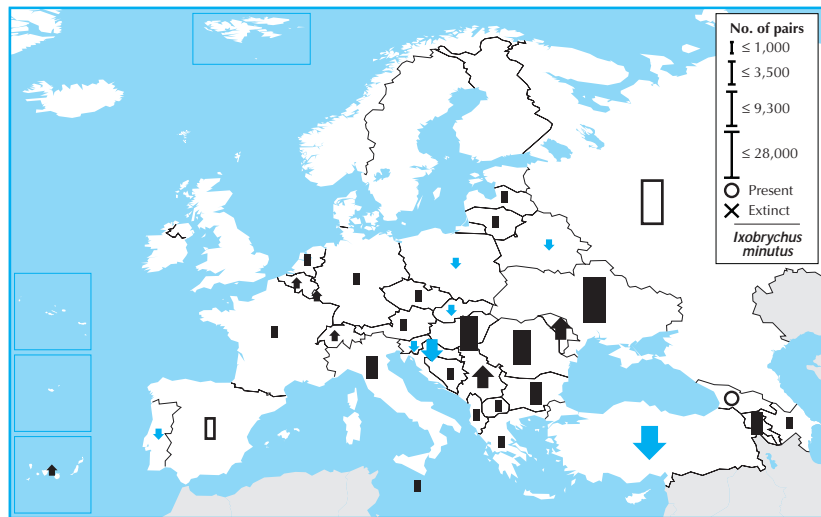
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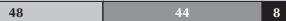
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Ixobrychus minutus is a widespread summer visitor to much of central and southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<120,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable overall during 1990–2000, with stable or increasing trends across much of its European range (Turkey being a notable exception), its population has clearly 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	40 – 370	96-02	0	0–19	6
Armenia	1,000 – 2,500	98-02	(0)	(0–19)	
Austria	150 – 300	98-02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(250 – 2,500)	96-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	300 – 600	97-00	–	10–19	
Belgium	22 – 31	95-02	+ 0–19		1
Bosnia & HG	(8 – 10)	90-00	(0)	(0–19)	
Bulgaria	900 – 1,500	95-02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(800 – 2,000)	02	(–)	(0–19)	54,26
Czech Rep.	60 – 80	00	0	0–19	
France	250 – 300	98-01	(0)	(0–19)	6
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	90 – 120	95-99	0	0–19	
Greece	500 – 2,000	01	0	0–19	
Hungary	4,000 – 6,000	95-02	0	0–19	
Italy	1,300 – 2,300	03	0	0–19	6
Latvia	(5 – 20)	90-00	(0)	(0–19)	22,17
Lithuania	(1 – 10)	99-01	(F)	(>80)	20
Luxembourg	2 – 4	02	+ 100		
Macedonia	200 – 300	99-00	0	0–19	
Malta	1 – 2	97-00	0	0–19	3
Moldova	1,800 – 2,300	90-00	+	20–29	
Netherlands	10 – 30	98-00	0	0–19	1
Poland	700 – 700	95-00	(–)	(20–29)	9
Portugal	(150 – 500)	02	(–)	(–)	
Romania	(8,500 – 10,000)	98-02	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	(15,000 – 50,000)	90-00	?	–	8,51,52,73,75
Serbia & MN	3,000 – 4,000	00-02	+	10–19	1,29,78,100,101, 155,144,227
Slovakia	200 – 400	80-99	–	30–49	
Slovenia	30 – 60	96-00	–	20–29	
Spain	(1,900 – 2,300)	92	?	–	13,12,10
Canary Is.	1 – 2	97-03	+ N	28,25	
Switzerland	80 – 120	93-96	+	10–29	
Turkey	6,000 – 9,000	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	13,200 – 22,300	90-00	0	0–19	
Total (approx.)	60,000 – 120,000			Overall trend Stable	
Breeding range	>3,000,000 km²			Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. 5–24	

2000 population



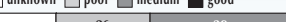
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1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend



Data quality (%) – <i>Ixobrychus minutus</i>			
□ unknown	▒ poor	■ medium	■ good
48	44	8	3
64	33	3	3
35	26	39	3
72	25	3	3