

Geronticus eremita breeds mostly outside Europe in Morocco and (to a lesser extent) Syria, but a tiny breeding population of 15 pairs also persists at Bireçik in Turkey. Although this population underwent a large decline between 1970–1990, it was stable during 1990–2000. Nevertheless, as a consequence of the tiny size of its European population, this globally threatened species is evaluated as Critically Endangered in Europe.

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Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s) Trend Mag.% References
Turkey	15 – 15	01 0 0–19
Total (approx.)	15 – 15	Overall trend Stable
Breeding range	<100 km ²	Gen. length. 8 % Global pop. 5–24

