

Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax

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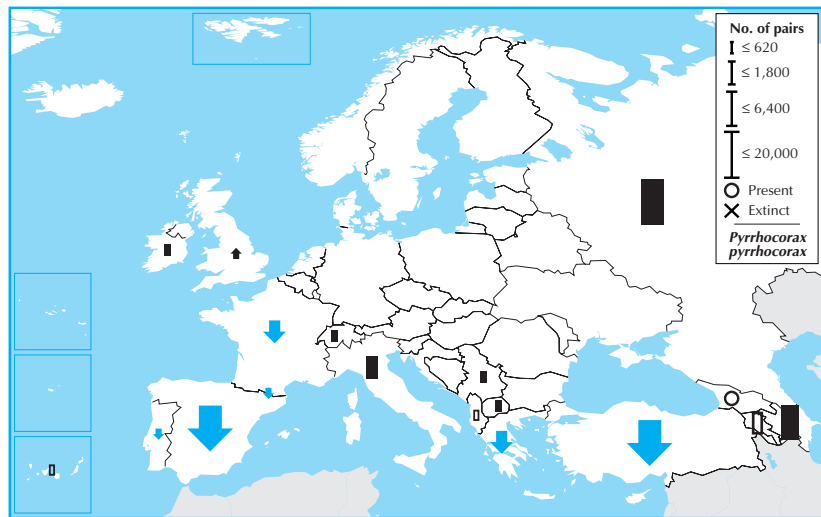
SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** Declining
Criteria Moderate continuing decline
European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —
Global IUCN Red List Category —
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Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax is resident in parts of Britain and Ireland and across much of southern Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<110,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although populations were stable across much of its European range during 1990–2000, key populations in Spain and Turkey declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Declining.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	(0 – 50)	02	?	–	
Andorra	(200 – 300)	99–01	(–)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	1,000 – 1,500	00–02	?	–	
Azerbaijan	(2,000 – 20,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
France	1,000 – 2,000	00	–	0–19	1
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Greece	(1,100 – 1,800)	95–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Rep. Ireland	445 – 838	02–03	0	0–19	
Italy	1,500 – 2,000	03	0	0–9	
Macedonia	(40 – 120)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Portugal	(150 – 300)	02	(–)	(–)	
Russia	(15,000 – 25,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	50,61
Serbia & MN	30 – 40	97–98	0	0–19	1,62,227,225, 40,155,152
Spain	(10,000 – 20,000)	98–02	(–)	(0–19)	12,16,10
Canary Is.	(250 – 1,000)	97–02	?	–	28,25
Switzerland	40 – 60	93–96	0	0–19	
Turkey	(10,000 – 30,000)	01	(–)	(0–19)	
UK	450 – 500	02	+	45	

Total (approx.)	43,000 – 110,000	Overall trend Moderate decline			
Breeding range	>1,000,000 km ²	Gen. length. 7	% Global pop. 25–49		



2000 population	91		7
1990 population	59		5
Data quality (%) – <i>Pyrrhocorax pyrrhocorax</i>			
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good			
1990–2000 trend	3		5
1970–1990 trend	52		4

2000 population	69		9
1990 population	76		22
Data quality (%) – <i>Corvus monedula</i> (see p. 259, bottom)			
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good			
1990–2000 trend	6		11
1970–1990 trend	28		15