

# *Dendrocopos major*

## GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER

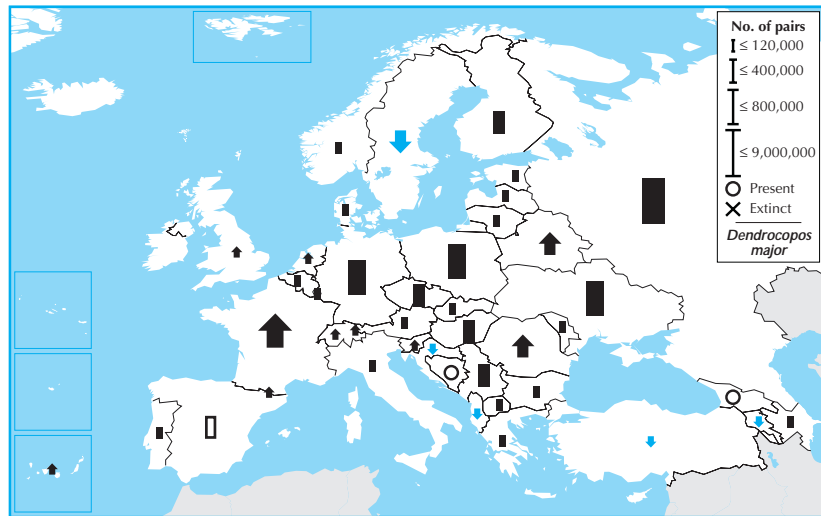


**Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status** Secure  
Criteria —

**European IUCN Red List Category** —  
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —  
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*Dendrocopos major* is a widespread resident across most of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global range. Its European breeding population is extremely large (>12,000,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in a few countries during 1990–2000, populations were stable or increased across the majority of its European range—including sizeable ones in France, Germany, Poland, Ukraine and Russia—and the species remained stable overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	500 – 1,000	98-02	(-)	(0-19)	
Andorra	200 – 300	99-01	(+)	(20-29)	1,3
Armenia	1,000 – 2,500	95-02	-	0-19	
Austria	(60,000 – 120,000)	98-02	(0)	(0-19)	
Azerbaijan	(5,000 – 20,000)	96-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Belarus	300,000 – 500,000	97-02	+	50-79	
Belgium	25,000 – 40,000	01-02	(0)	(0-19)	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90-03	?	-	
Bulgaria	90,000 – 150,000	96-02	0	0-9	
Croatia	(10,000 – 25,000)	02	(-)	(50-79)	16
Czech Rep.	<b>200,000 – 400,000</b>	00	<b>0</b>	<b>0-19</b>	
Denmark	30,000 – 80,000	00	0	0-19	3
Estonia	20,000 – 50,000	98	0	0-19	1
Finland	100,000 – 350,000	98-02	<b>0</b>	<b>5</b>	
France	(400,000 – 1,600,000)	00	(+)	(10)	1,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	-	
Germany	450,000 – 830,000	95-99	0	0-19	
Greece	(1,000 – 2,000)	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Hungary	<b>250,000 – 350,000</b>	99-02	0	0-19	19
Italy	(50,000 – 100,000)	03	(0)	(0-19)	
Latvia	60,000 – 100,000	90-00	0	0-19	18
Liechtenstein	200 – 300	98-00	(+)	(0-9)	
Lithuania	(40,000 – 60,000)	99-01	(0)	(0-19)	20
Luxembourg	3,000 – 5,000	02	<b>0</b>	<b>0-19</b>	
Macedonia	(100 – 500)	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Moldova	3,100 – 3,900	90-00	0	0-19	
Netherlands	<b>55,000 – 65,000</b>	98-00	+	<b>32</b>	1
Norway	5,000 – 15,000	03	(0)	(0-19)	18
Poland	<b>400,000 – 800,000</b>	00-02	(0)	(0-19)	23
Portugal	(10,000 – 100,000)	02	(0)	(0-19)	
Romania	340,000 – 460,000	00-02	+	0-19	48
Russia	8,000,000 – 10,000,000	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	39,114,122
Serbia & MN	150,000 – 240,000	90-02	0	0-19	1,29,172a,67a,225,227
Slovakia	30,000 – 60,000	90-99	0	0-19	
Slovenia	10,000 – 20,000	94	(+)	(0-19)	
Spain	(143,000 – 190,000)	92	?	-	13,12,10
Canary Is.	250 – 1,000	97-03	(+)	(0-19)	28,25
Sweden	100,000 – 250,000	99-00	-	<b>14</b>	
Switzerland	<b>35,000 – 55,000</b>	93-96	+	10-19	
Turkey	(50,000 – 100,000)	01	(-)	(0-19)	
Ukraine	(450,000 – 1,130,000)	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
UK	<b>37,000 – 44,400</b>	00	+	<b>48</b>	5,31

**Total (approx.) Breeding range** 12,000,000 – 18,000,000  
>7,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>

**Overall trend** Stable  
**Gen. length.** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 25-49  
(See p. 176, bottom, for data quality graph)