

Melanocorypha yeltoniensis

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

Criteria See IUCN below

European IUCN Red List Category EN

Criteria A2b

Global IUCN Red List Category —

Criteria —

Melanocorypha yeltoniensis breeds in the steppe zone of south-eastern European Russia, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is small (as few as 4,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. The species continued to decline in Europe during 1990–2000, undergoing a very large decline (>50%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Endangered.

Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Russia	(4,000 – 7,000)	90–00	-	50–79	178
Total (approx.)	4,000 – 7,000	Overall trend Large decline			
Breeding range	>500,000 km ²	Gen. length. <3.3 % Global pop. 5–24			



2000 population

100

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) – *Melanocorypha yeltoniensis*

□ unknown □ poor □ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

100

1970–1990 trend

100