

# *Rhodopechys obsoleta*

## DESERT FINCH



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

**Criteria** —

**European IUCN Red List Category** —▼

**Criteria** —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

**Criteria** —

*Rhodopechys obsoleta* has a predominantly Asian distribution, which just extends into Europe in southern Turkey. Its European breeding population is small (as few as 3,000 pairs), and although its trend between 1970–1990 was unknown, it probably increased slightly during 1990–2000. Although the size of the Turkish population could render it susceptible to the risks affecting small populations, it is marginal to a much larger non-European population. Consequently, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Turkey	(3,000 – 6,000)	01	(+)	(0–19)	
Total (approx.)	3,000 – 6,000	Overall trend			Small increase
Breeding range	>20,000 km <sup>2</sup>	Gen. length			<3.3 % Global pop. <5

2000 population

100

1990 population

100

Data quality (%) - *Rhodopechys obsoleta*

□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good

1990–2000 trend

100

1970–1990 trend

100