

# *Plectrophenax nivalis*

## SNOW BUNTING

Non-SPEC (1994: —) Status (Secure)

Criteria —

European IUCN Red List Category —

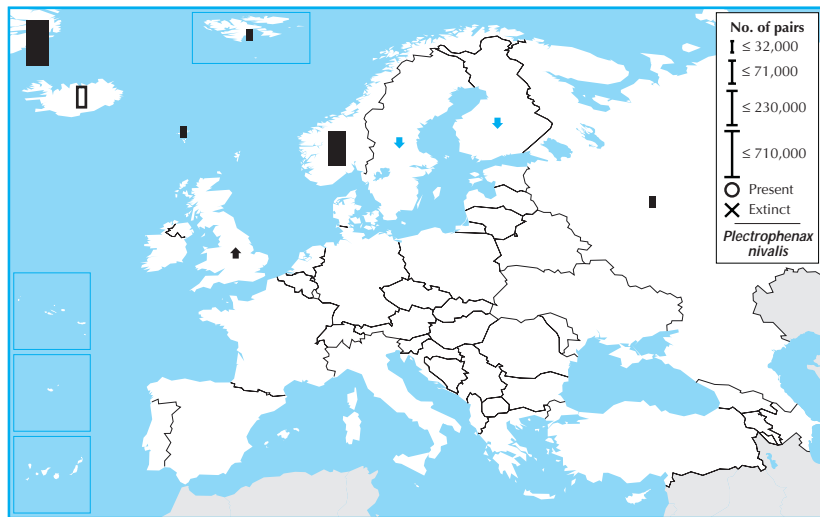
Criteria —

Global IUCN Red List Category —

Criteria —



*Plectrophenax nivalis* is a widespread breeder in northernmost Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>680,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although there were declines in Sweden and Finland during 1990–2000, key populations in Greenland and Norway were stable, and the species probably remained stable overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Denmark					
Faroe Is.	(0 – 10)	81	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	(500,000 – 1,000,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Finland	2,000 – 4,000	98–02	–	40	
Iceland	<b>50,000 – 100,000</b>	78–94	?	–	1
Norway	(100,000 – 500,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Svalbard	(10,000 – 50,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	(1,500 – 15,000)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	122
Sweden	20,000 – 50,000	99–00	(–)	(10–19)	
UK	<b>70 – 100</b>	88–91	+	<b>20</b>	8
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	<b>680,000 – 1,700,000</b>				
<b>Breeding range</b>	<b>&gt;1,000,000 km<sup>2</sup></b>				
				<b>Overall trend</b>	Stable
				<b>Gen. length.</b>	<3.3 % Global pop. 5–24

2000 population

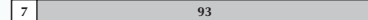


1990 population



Data quality (%) – *Plectrophenax nivalis*  
 unknown  poor  medium  good

1990–2000 trend



1970–1990 trend

