

## **Prinia gracilis -- (Lichtenstein, 1823)**

ANIMALIA -- CHORDATA -- AVES -- PASSERIFORMES -- CISTICOLIDAE

**Common names:** Graceful Prinia; Graceful Warbler; Prinia gracile

### European Red List Assessment

#### European Red List Status

LC -- Least Concern, (IUCN version 3.1)

#### Assessment Information

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#### Assessment Rationale

**European regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)**

**EU27 regional assessment: Not Applicable (NA)**

Although this species may have a restricted range, it is not believed to approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the range size criterion (Extent of Occurrence 10% in ten years or three generations, or with a specified population structure). The population trend appears to be fluctuating, and hence the species does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population trend criterion (30% decline over ten years or three generations). For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern in Europe.

The bird is considered vagrant in the EU27 and is assessed as Not Applicable (NA) for this region.

### Occurrence

#### Countries/Territories of Occurrence

##### Native:

Turkey

##### Vagrant:

Cyprus

### Population

The European population is estimated at 1,000-4,000 pairs, which equates to 2,000-8,000 mature individuals. The species does not occur in the EU27. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

### Trend

In Europe the population size is estimated to be fluctuating. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

### Habitats and Ecology

This species inhabits rank vegetation in fairly arid areas, including shrubs and small trees, herbs and forbs, reedbeds and riparian scrub. It is a solitary breeder and monogamous with pairs defending territories throughout the year. In Turkey, fledglings have been recorded from April to September (Kirwan et al. 2008). The male constructs the nest and the female assists by lining the cup. It is an oval structure made of dry grass and other plant material, spider cocoons and spider web and placed 0.15–1.3 m above ground in fairly tall grass or a tree. Occasionally the nest of another bird, such as Zitting Cisticola (*Cisticola juncidis*) is used. Clutch size normally three to five eggs. Its diet consists of insects, including beetles and their larvae (Coleoptera), caterpillars and adult lepidopterans, grasshoppers (Orthoptera), flies (Diptera) and spiders (Araneae). It also includes some plant matter. The species is mainly resident but undergoes local dispersal when not breeding. Vagrants, thought to be from Turkey, have been recorded in Crete and Cyprus (Ryan 2006).

<b>Habitats &amp; Altitude</b>			
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)		Importance	Occurrence
Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation		major	resident
Wetlands (inland) - Shrub Dominated Wetlands		suitable	resident
Altitude	max. 3200 m	Occasional altitudinal limits	

### Threats

The species is vulnerable to extreme weather. In Turkey, the population fell by c. 80% following an especially severe winter in 1991/2 (Ryan 2006).

<b>Threats &amp; Impacts</b>					
Threat (level 1)	Threat (level 2)	Impact and Stresses			
Climate change & severe weather	Temperature extremes	Timing	Scope	Severity	Impact
		Ongoing	Unknown	Unknown	Unknown
		Stresses			
		Species mortality			

### Conservation

#### Conservation Actions Underway

There are no known current conservation measures for this species.

#### Conservation Actions Proposed

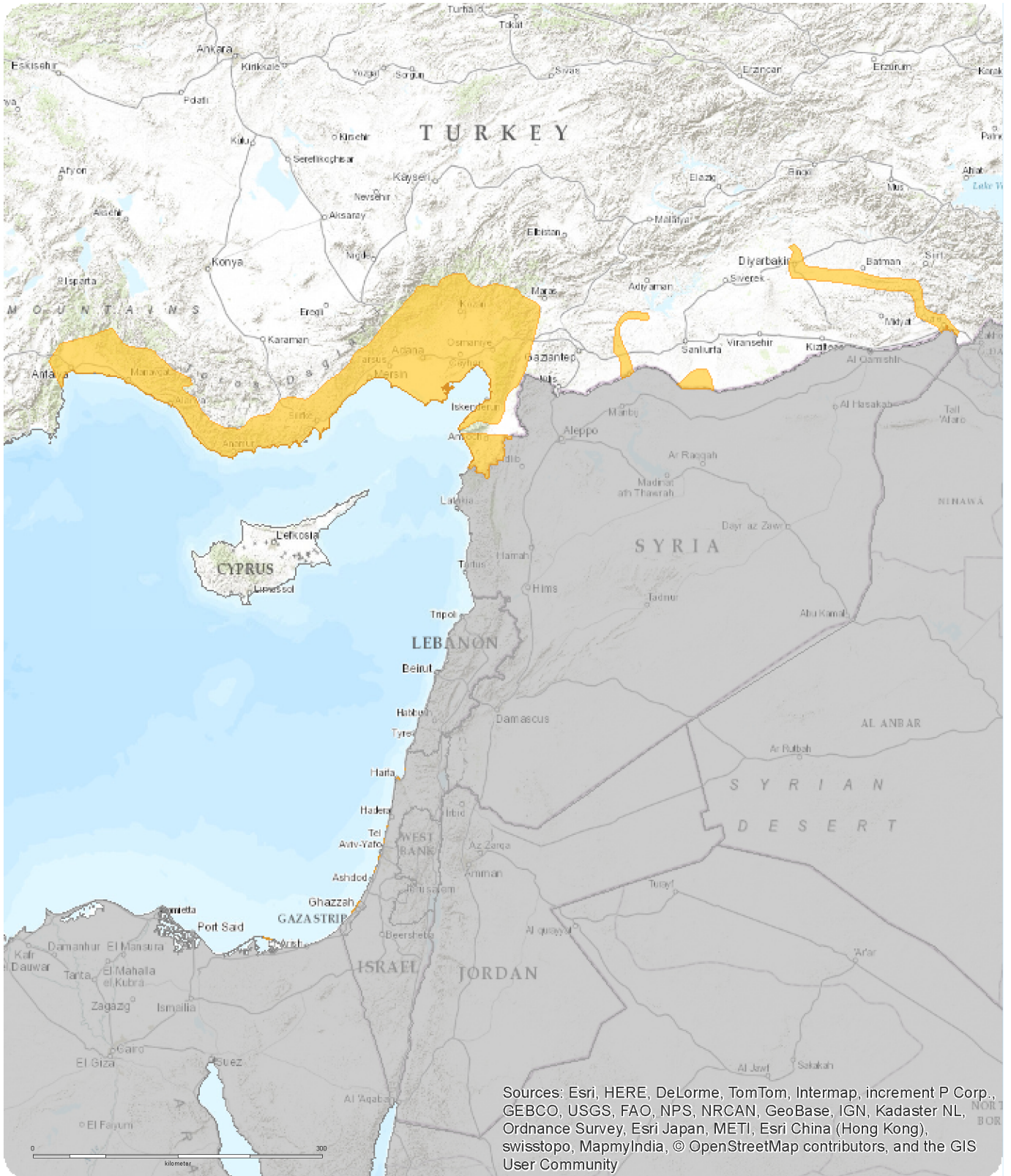
Areas of important suitable habitat for this species should be identified and protection ensured. Research studies on the species's ecology and potential threats and impacts should be developed to inform conservation measures.

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### Map (see overleaf)

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### Range

■ Extant (resident)

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