

## ***Sylvia mystacea* -- Ménétries, 1832**

ANIMALIA -- CHORDATA -- AVES -- PASSERIFORMES -- SYLVIIDAE

**Common names:** Menetries's Warbler; Fauvette de Ménétries; Ménétries's Warbler

### 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)**

This species has a very large range, and hence does not 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 is not known, but the population is not believed to be decreasing sufficiently rapidly to approach the thresholds 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:

Armenia; Azerbaijan; Russian Federation; Turkey

##### Vagrant:

Portugal; Spain

### Population

The European population is estimated at 43,000-125,000 pairs, which equates to 86,000-250,000 mature individuals. The species does not occur in the EU27. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

### Trend

In Europe the population size trend is unknown. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

### Habitats and Ecology

During the breeding season this species occupies arid or semi-arid areas dominated by scrub and bush. It prefers treeless scrub covering valley bottoms and dry mountain slopes, and bushy tamarisk (*Tamarix*) formations along riverbanks. It is also found in scrub in sparsely wooded areas, and in more anthropogenic landscapes such as palm groves, gardens and orchards. The breeding season is from early April to July and the species is monogamous. Both sexes build the nest, which is a deep cup made of twigs, stems and grasses and lined with down and hair. It is usually sited in low grass, scrub, small bushes or young trees, from ground level to c. 70–90 cm. Normally four to six eggs are laid. It feeds mainly on small arthropods, especially insects and their larvae and eggs but outside the breeding season it also takes various berries and fruits (mostly autumn) and seeds (winter) (Aymí and Gargallo 2006). The species is migratory, wintering in north-east Africa, Arabia and southern Iran (Snow and Perrins 1998).

Habitats & Altitude	Importance	Occurrence
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)		
Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations	suitable	breeding

<b>Habitats &amp; Altitude</b>			
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)		Importance	Occurrence
Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens		suitable	breeding
Shrubland - Mediterranean-type Shrubby Vegetation		major	breeding
Altitude	max. 2000 m	Occasional altitudinal limits	

### **Threats**

There are not thought to be any current significant threats to this species.

<b>Threats &amp; Impacts</b>		
Threat (level 1)	Threat (level 2)	Impact and Stresses

### **Conservation**

#### **Conservation Actions Underway**

CMS Appendix II. Bern Convention Appendix II. There are currently no known conservation measures for this species.

#### **Conservation Actions Proposed**

No conservation measures are currently needed for this species.

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### **Map (see overleaf)**

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### Range

■ Extant (breeding)

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