

# **Phylloscopus sindianus -- Brooks, 1879**

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

**Common names:** Mountain Chiffchaff;

## 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 not recorded from the EU27 region.

## Occurrence

### Countries/Territories of Occurrence

#### Native:

Armenia; Azerbaijan; Georgia; Russian Federation; Turkey

## Population

The European population is estimated at 82,000-320,000 pairs, which equates to 164,000-640,000 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 it occupies pine (*Pinus*) and birch (*Betula*) forests, willow (*Salix*) swamps, reedbeds, poplar (*Populus*) groves, and alders (*Alnus*) along streams, as well as gardens, orchards, sea-buckthorn (*Hippophae rhamnoides*), *Myricaria elegans* bushes and Caucasian rhododendron (*Rhododendron*) thickets, and on hillsides covered with juniper (*Juniperus*) in semi-arid mountain and in patches of dwarf birch along tree-line. Breeding occurs from May to early August and clutches are two to five eggs. The nest is a ball of coarse grass stems and dry leaves, plant fibres, animal hair and feathers, well concealed on ground, or up to four metres above it in low thorn-scrub or bush. The diet is poorly known but includes small insects and spiders (Araneae) and probably some small berries in autumn. The species is migratory (Clement 2006).

### Habitats & Altitude

Habitat (level 1 - level 2)	Importance	Occurrence
Artificial/Terrestrial - Arable Land	suitable	breeding
Artificial/Terrestrial - Rural Gardens	suitable	breeding
Forest - Temperate	suitable	breeding
Shrubland - Temperate	suitable	breeding

<b>Habitats &amp; Altitude</b>			
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)		Importance	Occurrence
Wetlands (inland) - Bogs, Marshes, Swamps, Fens, Peatlands		suitable	breeding
Altitude	1000-1200 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**

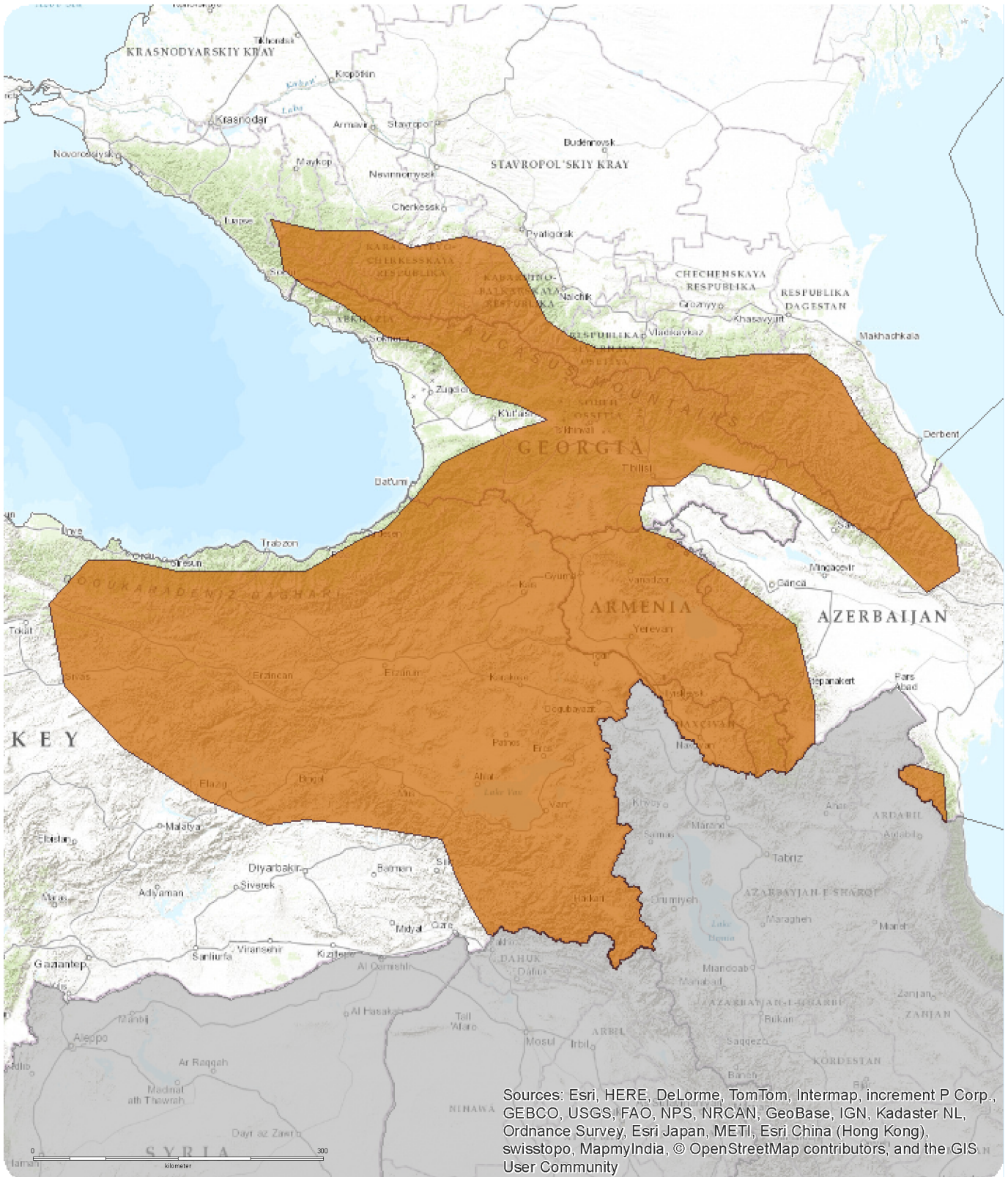
No conservation measures are currently needed for this species.

### **Bibliography**

Clement, P. 2006. Mountain Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus sindianus*). In: del Hoyo, J., Elliott, A., Sargatal, J., Christie, D.A. and de Juana, E. (eds.) 2014. *Handbook of the Birds of the World Alive*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. (retrieved from <http://www.hbw.com/node/58864> on 26 March 2015).

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

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### Range

■ Extant (breeding)

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