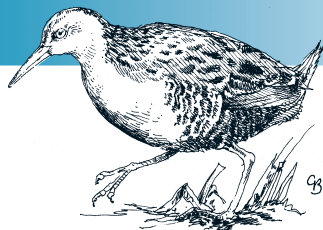


Rallus aquaticus

WATER RAIL



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

Criteria —

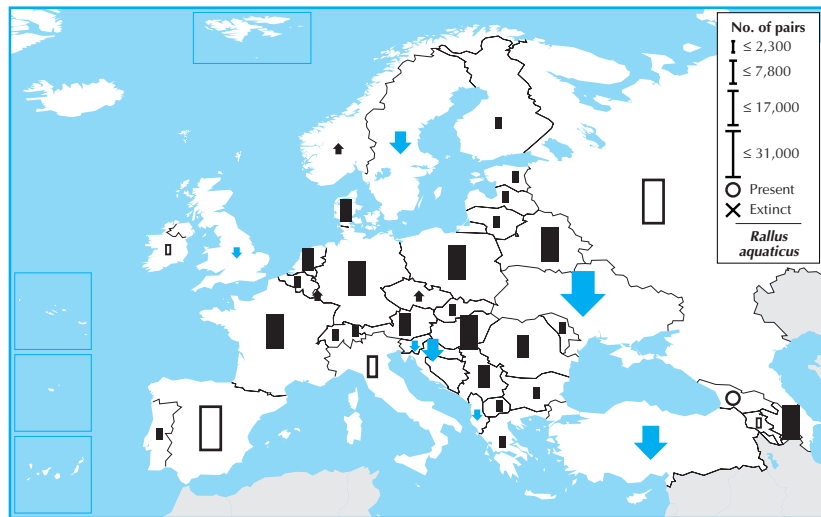
European IUCN Red List Category —

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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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Rallus aquaticus is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>140,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although some populations declined during 1990–2000—notably the sizeable one in Ukraine—and trends were not known for the key populations in Spain and Russia, the species was stable in most parts of Europe, and probably underwent only a small decline overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	(100 – 300)	93–02	(–)	(0–19)	
Armenia	330 – 830	98–02	?	–	
Austria	3,500 – 7,000	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(5,000 – 15,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	8,000 – 14,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	750 – 1,200	95–02	(0)	(0–19)	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	700 – 1,300	96–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(2,000 – 5,000)	02	(–)	(50–79)	70,16,54
Czech Rep.	800 – 1,200	00	+	50–79	
Denmark	(2,000 – 5,000)	93–96	(0)	(0–19)	3
Estonia	(300 – 1,000)	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	300 – 600	98–02	0	0–19	
France	(8,000 – 35,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	7,500 – 14,700	95–99	(0)	(0–19)	
Greece	(1,000 – 3,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	(10,000 – 20,000)	90–93	(0)	(0–19)	14
Rep. Ireland	(1,000 – 2,500)	88–91	?	–	
Italy	(3,000 – 6,000)	03	?	–	
Latvia	(500 – 1,500)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23,17
Liechtenstein	1 – 2	98–00	(F)	(–)	
Lithuania	(2,000 – 2500)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	30 – 40	00–02	+	0–19	
Macedonia	100 – 1,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	150 – 200	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	2,500 – 3,200	98–00	F	28	1
Norway	70 – 170	02	+	20–29	
Poland	(10,000 – 20,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	1
Portugal	(500 – 2,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	(5,000 – 12,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Russia	(15,000 – 50,000)	90–00	?	–	8,73,108,125
Serbia & MN	3,500 – 5,000	90–02	0	0–19	1,29,227,155, 101,13,78
Slovakia	300 – 600	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	(100 – 200)	94	(–)	(0–19)	
Spain	(11,400 – 68,800)	92	?	–	13,12,10
Sweden	4,500 – 5,500	99–00	–	30–49	
Switzerland	1,000 – 1,500	93–96	0	0–19	
Turkey	(8,000 – 16,000)	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	24,000 – 39,000	90–00	–	0–19	
UK	700 – 1,400	88–91	(–)	(30–49)	8
Total (approx.)	140,000 – 360,000			Overall trend Small decline	
Breeding range	>5,000,000 km²			Gen. length <3.3 % Global pop. 25–49	
				(See p. 101, top, for data quality graph)	
Winter pop. size (individuals)					
Total (approx.)	>20,000			Overall trend Unknown	
% in European IBAs	Unknown			Gen. length <3.3 % Global pop. 25–49	