

# Larus canus

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**SPEC 2** (1994: 2) **Status** (Depleted)

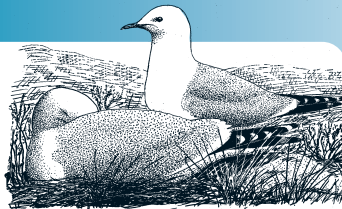
**Criteria** Moderate historical decline

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

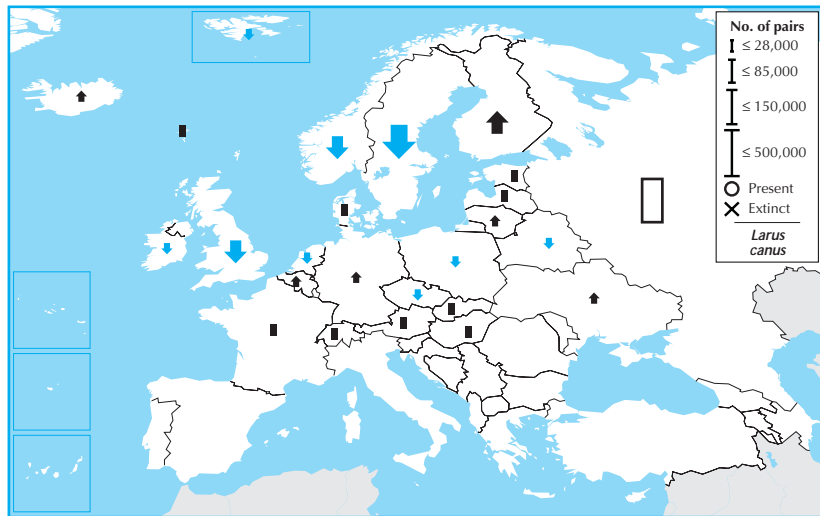
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Larus canus* is a widespread breeder across much of northern Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>590,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased in some countries during 1990–2000, it declined across much of north-west Europe, and the trend in its Russian stronghold was unknown. Nevertheless, its population has clearly not yet recovered to the level that preceded its decline, and consequently the species is provisionally evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Austria	1 – 5	98-02	0	0-19	
Belarus	500 – 1,200	97-02	-	10-19	
Belgium	66 – 77	01-02	+	0-19	1
Czech Rep.	2 – 3	00	-	30-49	
Denmark	(25,000 – 30,000)	00	0	0-19	3
Faroe Is.	1,000 – 1,000	95 (0)	(0)	(0-19)	
Estonia	10,000 – 20,000	98	0	0-19	1
Finland	60,000 – 80,000	98-02	+	15	
France	2 – 35	96-01	F	20-49	6
Germany	19,000 – 25,000	95-99	+	0-19	
Hungary	1 – 2	95-02	0	0-19	14,3
Iceland	400 – 500	00	+	0-19	16
Rep. Ireland	1,060 – 1,060	99-02	-	30-49	
Latvia	500 – 600	90-00	0	0-19	23,17
Lithuania	120 – 150	99-01	+	0-19	20
Netherlands	5,600 – 6,500	98-00	-	46	1
Norway	60,000 – 120,000	89-01	-	30-49	35,27
Svalbard	1 – 5	89-01	-	20-29	
Poland	3,000 – 3,500	97-00	-	20-29	2
Russia	(250,000 – 1,000,000)	90-00	?	-	4,24,40,42,51, 52,104,141,145
Slovakia	0 – 3	80-99	F	30-49	
Sweden	100,000 – 200,000	99-00	-	0-19	
Switzerland	2 – 5	98-02	0	0-19	
Ukraine	50 – 150	90-00	+	0-19	
UK	48,700 – 48,700	98-02	-	29	18,20

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	590,000 – 1,500,000	<b>Overall trend</b>	Unknown		
<b>Breeding range</b>	>3,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Gen. length</b>	8	<b>% Global pop.</b>	50-74
					(See p. 137, top, for data quality graph)

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Belgium	112,000 – 112,000	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	1
Finland	(10,000 – 100,000)	98-02	0	0-19	
France	(20,000 – 80,000)	98-02	?	-	9
Latvia	10,000 – 20,000	90-99	(0)	(0-19)	29
Netherlands	270,000 – 350,000	99-01	0	0-19	3,4,8,9,11,12
Poland	(20,000 – 40,000)	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Romania	5,000 – 120,000	90-00	(F)	(20-29)	60
Turkey	8,000 – 12,000	91-01	F	30-49	
Ukraine	10,000 – 20,000	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
UK	430,000 – 430,000	93	-	0-19	45

<b>Total (approx.)</b>	>910,000	<b>Overall trend</b>	Small decline		
<b>% in European IBAs</b>	13-17	<b>Gen. length</b>	8	<b>% Global pop.</b>	25-49