

Circus cyaneus

NORTHERN HARRIER

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** Depleted

Criteria Large historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

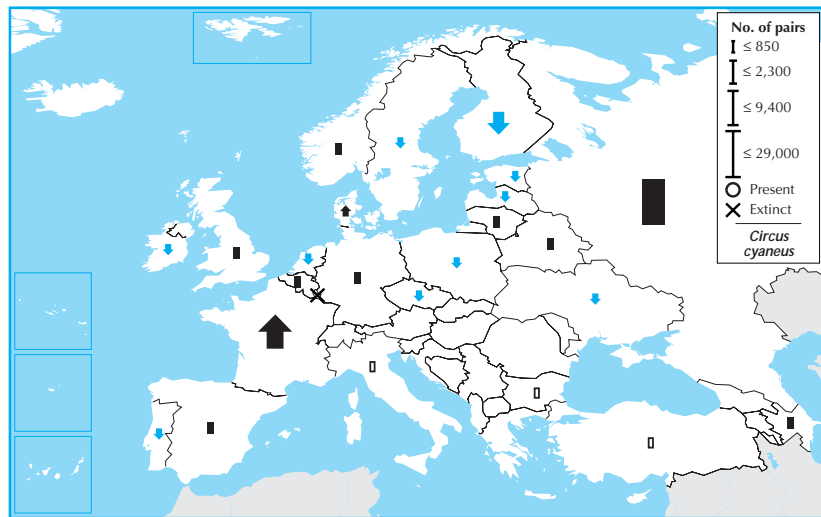
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Circus cyaneus is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder across much of northern and central Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<59,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. These declines abated to some extent during 1990–2000, with many populations stabilising, and the species declined only slightly overall. Nevertheless, its population remains far below the level that preceded its decline, and consequently it is evaluated as Depleted.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Azerbaijan	(50 – 200)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	520 – 700	97–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Belgium	0 – 1	95–02	0	0–19	1
Bulgaria	(0 – 2)	95–02	?	–	
Czech Rep.	30 – 50	00	–	30–49	
Denmark	0 – 7	98–01	+	N	4,5,6,7
Estonia	150 – 200	98	–	20–29	1
Finland	1,500 – 3,500	98–02	–	30	
France	7,800 – 11,200	00–02	+	0–9	8,7
Germany	48 – 76	95–99	0	0–19	
Rep. Ireland	102 – 131	98–00	–	20–29	
Italy	0 – 1	98–03	?	–	6
Latvia	(5 – 20)	90–00	(–)	(0–19)	23
Lithuania	(0 – 5)	99–01	(F)	(>80)	20
Luxembourg	0 – 0	02	–	X	
Netherlands	85 – 105	98–00	–	40	1
Norway	(5 – 50)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	63
Poland	10 – 30	95–00	(–)	(40–69)	2,35,36
Portugal	10 – 30	02	(–)	(–)	
Russia	20,000 – 40,000	94–02	(0)	0–19	2,68,73,103
Spain	(250 – 1,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	10
Sweden	800 – 900	99–00	–	10–19	
Turkey	(0 – 10)	01	?	–	
Ukraine	10 – 25	90–00	–	0–19	
UK	500 – 640	98	0	3	30

Total (approx.)	32,000 – 59,000	Overall trend Small decline
Breeding range	>4,000,000 km ²	Gen. length 6 % Global pop. 5–24

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Armenia	250 – 1,000	97–02	?	–	
Austria	(300 – 600)	98–02	(F)	(>80)	
Croatia	(500 – 1,000)	02	?	–	16
Hungary	1,500 – 3,000	00–02	?	–	24
Netherlands	400 – 600	00	–	30–49	4,5,6,7,9,10
Poland	(1,000 – 2,500)	90–00	(–)	(20–29)	121
Serbia & MN	(300 – 800)	90–02	(F)	(10–29)	
Slovakia	3,000 – 5,500	90–99	?	–	4
Ukraine	(250 – 1,000)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	

Total (approx.)	>8,500	Overall trend Unknown
% in European IBAs	18–23	Gen. length 6 % Global pop. 5–24

