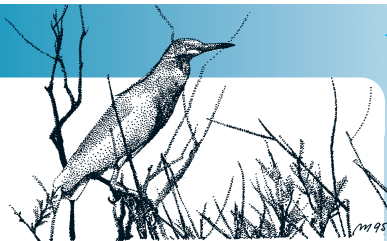


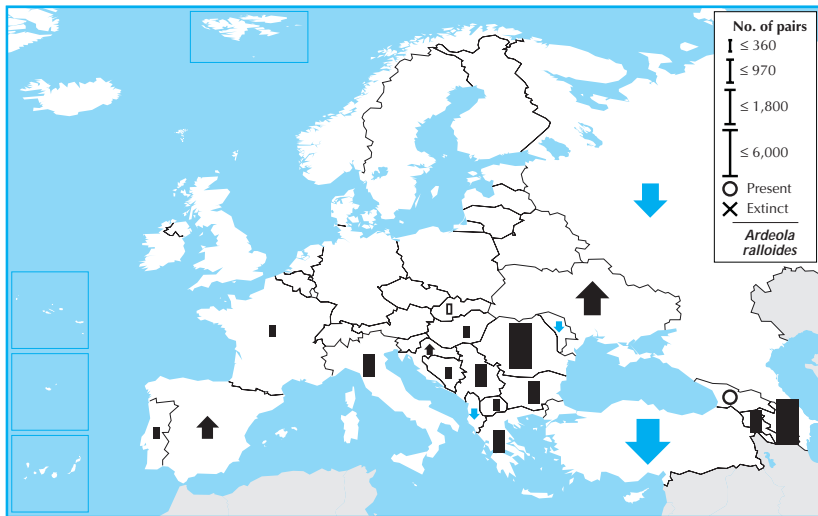
Ardeola ralloides

SQUACCO HERON

SPEC 3 (1994: 3) **Status** (Declining)
Criteria Moderate continuing decline
European IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —
Global IUCN Red List Category —
Criteria —



Ardeola ralloides is a widespread but patchily distributed summer visitor to much of southern Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is relatively small (<27,000 pairs), and underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although most populations—notably sizeable ones in Romania and Azerbaijan—were stable or increased during 1990–2000, other significant populations in Turkey and Russia declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.



| Country | Breeding pop. size (pairs) | Year(s) | Trend | Mag. % | References |
|-------------|----------------------------|---------|-------|---------|----------------------------|
| Albania | 0 – 48 | 92–02 | – | >80 | 4 |
| Armenia | 330 – 830 | 97–02 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Azerbaijan | 2,500 – 5,000 | 96–00 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Bosnia & HG | (10 – 12) | 90–00 | (0) | (0–19) | |
| Bulgaria | 300 – 650 | 95–02 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Croatia | 100 – 500 | 02 | + | 0–19 | 16,26 |
| France | 120 – 130 | 97–00 | 0 | 0–19 | 5 |
| Georgia | Present | 03 | ? | – | |
| Greece | 400 – 700 | 95–00 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Hungary | 300 – 410 | 95–02 | 0 | 0–19 | |
| Italy | 550 – 650 | 03 | 0 | 0–19 | 6 |
| Macedonia | 100 – 150 | 99–00 | (F) | (30–49) | |
| Moldova | 15 – 20 | 90–00 | – | 0–19 | |
| Portugal | 0 – 10 | 02 | (F) | (–) | |
| Romania | 5,500 – 6,500 | 00–02 | 0 | 0–19 | 47 |
| Russia | 1,500 – 2,000 | 90–00 | – | 20–29 | 8,60,120,178 |
| Serbia & MN | 750 – 900 | 00–02 | 0 | 0–19 | 163,65,67,115, 145,230,138 |
| Slovakia | 0 – 5 | 80–99 | ? | – | |
| Spain | 850 – 1,100 | 98–02 | + | 0–19 | 10,16 |
| Turkey | (4,000 – 6,000) | 01 | (–) | (0–19) | |
| Ukraine | 1,100 – 1,300 | 90–00 | + | 5–9 | |

Total (approx.) 18,000 – 27,000
Breeding range >500,000 km²
Overall trend Moderate decline
Gen. length. 5 % **Global pop.** 5–24

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| 2000 population | 22 | 66 | 12 |
| 1990 population | 54 | 46 | |
| Data quality (%) – <i>Ardeola ralloides</i> | | | |
| □ unknown ◻ poor ◻ medium ◼ good | | | |
| 1990–2000 trend | 23 | 59 | 18 |
| 1970–1990 trend | 34 | 53 | 13 |