

# *Turdus merula*

## EURASIAN BLACKBIRD

Non-SPEC<sup>E</sup> (1994: 4) **Status** Secure

Criteria —

**European IUCN Red List Category** —

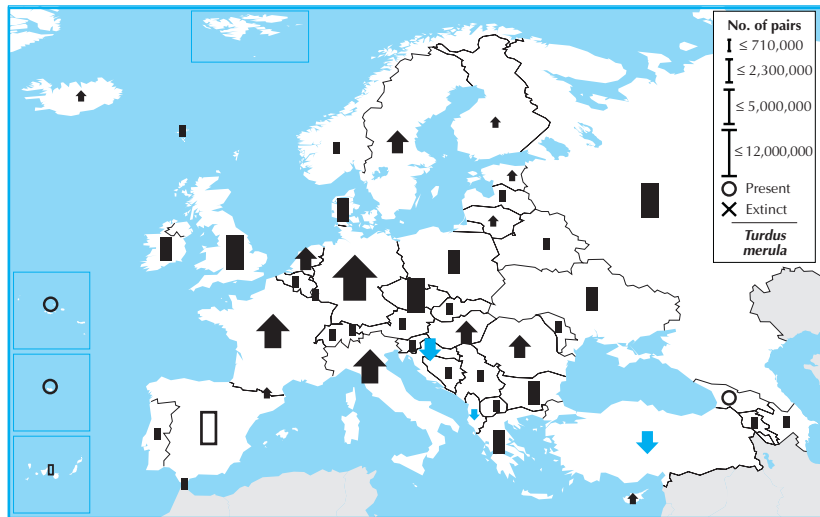
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**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Turdus merula* is a widespread breeder across most of Europe, which constitutes >50% of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is extremely large (>40,000,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. The species underwent a small increase during 1990–2000, with increases in the sizeable populations in Germany, France and Italy, and stable or increasing trends across most of the rest of Europe. Consequently, the species is evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	200,000 – 500,000	02	(-)	(0–19)	
Andorra	(400 – 800)	99–01	(+)	(30–49)	1,3
Armenia	25,000 – 35,000	99–02	0	0–19	
Austria	(350,000 – 700,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(100,000 – 500,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	500,000 – 650,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	(500,000 – 1,000,000)	95–02	(0)	(0–19)	1
Bosnia & HG	(100,000 – 500,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Bulgaria	1,000,000 – 5,000,000	96–02	0	0–9	
Croatia	(1,000,000 – 1,500,000)	02	(-)	(30–49)	16
Cyprus	5 – 20	94–02	+	N	
Czech Rep.	2,000,000 – 4,000,000	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	2,000,000 – 2,500,000	00	0	0–19	12
Faroe Is.	400 – 400	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	150,000 – 250,000	98	+	>80	1
Finland	300,000 – 450,000	98–02	+	12	4,3
France	(1,200,000 – 6,000,000)	98–02	+	12	4,3
Georgia	Present	03	?	-	
Germany	8,000,000 – 16,000,000	95–99	+	0–19	
Greece	(800,000 – 2,000,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	<b>1,100,000 – 1,450,000</b>	99–02	+	20–49	19
Iceland	(0 – 50)	90–00	(+)	(>80)	15,33,45,46,47
Rep. Ireland	1,000,000 – 2,500,000	88–91	0	0–19	
Italy	(2,000,000 – 5,000,000)	03	(+)	(0–19)	
Latvia	150,000 – 200,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23,18
Liechtenstein	1,000 – 2,000	98–00	0	0–19	
Lithuania	(250,000 – 350,000)	99–01	(+)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	<b>50,000 – 60,000</b>	02	0	0–19	
Macedonia	(100,000 – 300,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	40,000 – 45,000	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	<b>900,000 – 1,200,000</b>	98–00	+	28	1
Norway	(100,000 – 1,000,000)	90–02	(0)	(0–19)	27
Poland	<b>1,000,000 – 2,000,000</b>	00–02	0	0–19	23
Portugal	(200,000 – 2,000,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azores	Present	02	?	-	
Madeira	Present	02	?	-	
Romania	890,000 – 1,780,000	00–02	+	0–19	48
Russia	2,000,000 – 3,000,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	8,116,122
Serbia & MN	500,000 – 800,000	90–02	0	0–19	1,29,172a,67a,78,225,227
Slovakia	400,000 – 800,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	350,000 – 550,000	00	(0)	(0–19)	
Spain	(2,300,000 – 5,900,000)	92	?	-	13,12,10
Canary Is.	(20,000 – 100,000)	97–03	?	-	28,25
Sweden	1,000,000 – 2,500,000	99–00	+	25	
Switzerland	400,000 – 600,000	98–02	0	0–19	
Turkey	(800,000 – 2,000,000)	01	(-)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	830,000 – 1,000,000	90–00	0	0–4	
UK	<b>4,935,000 – 4,935,000</b>	00	0	5	5,31
Gibraltar	150 – 250	00	0	0–19	

**Total (approx.)** 40,000,000 – 82,000,000  
**Breeding range** >8,000,000 km<sup>2</sup>  
**Overall trend** Small increase  
**Gen. length** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 50–74  
(See p. 213, bottom, for data quality graph)