

Athene noctua

LITTLE OWL



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

Criteria Moderate continuing decline

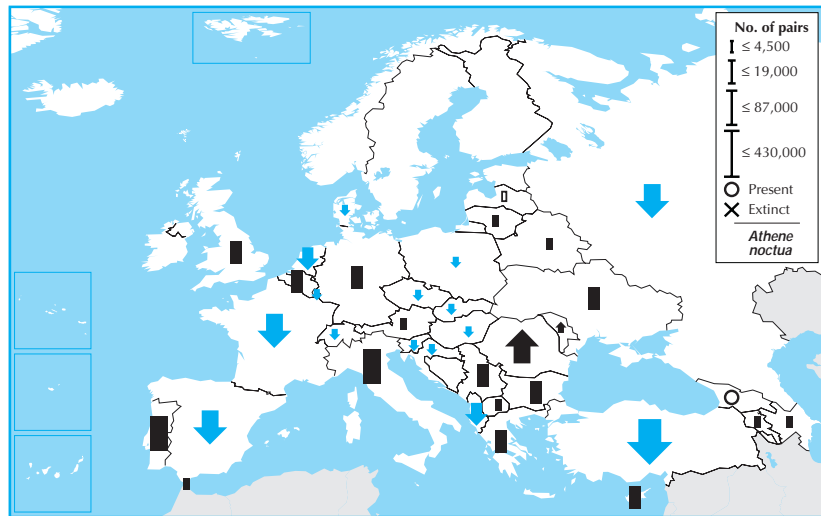
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Athene noctua is a widespread resident across much of Europe (except the north), which accounts for less than half of its global range. Its European breeding population is large (>560,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased across much of its European range during 1990–2000, several populations declined—notably the key one in Turkey—and the species probably underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is provisionally evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Albania	4,000 – 8,000	02	(-)	(0–19)	
Armenia	800 – 1,500	97–02	0	0–19	
Austria	70 – 100	98–02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	(2,000 – 10,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	400 – 1,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	12,500 – 14,000	01–02	0	0–19	1
Bulgaria	5,000 – 8,000	96–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(500 – 1,000)	02	(-)	(50–79)	70, 16
Cyprus	(5,000 – 15,000)	94–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Czech Rep.	200 – 400	00	-	> 80	
Denmark	100 – 200	00	(-)	(10–19)	3
France	20,000 – 60,000	98–00	(-)	(0–19)	4
Georgia	Present	03	?	-	
Germany	5,800 – 6,100	95–99	0	0–19	
Greece	(5,000 – 15,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	1,500 – 2,500	95–02	-	0–19	
Italy	(30,000 – 50,000)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	(10 – 30)	90–00	?	-	16
Lithuania	(5 – 10)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	40 – 80	00–02	-	50–79	
Macedonia	1,400 – 2,400	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	3,200 – 4,200	90–00	+	0–19	
Netherlands	5,500 – 6,500	98–00	-	29	1
Poland	1,000 – 2,000	90–00	(-)	(20–29)	27
Portugal	(50,000 – 150,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	40,000 – 60,000	90–02	+	0–19	7
Russia	(10,000 – 100,000)	90–00	(-)	(20–29)	8, 73, 141
Serbia & MN	10,000 – 15,000	90–02	0	10–19	1, 190, 29, 172a, 155, 78
Slovakia	800 – 1,000	80–99	-	30–49	
Slovenia	150 – 200	99–00	-	30–49	
Spain	(20,000 – 100,000)	98–02	(-)	(0–19)	10
Switzerland	60 – 70	93–96	-	10–19	
Turkey	(300,000 – 600,000)	01	(-)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	15,000 – 22,000	90–00	0	0–19	
UK	5,800 – 11,600	00	0	3	5, 31
Gibraltar	5 – 10	00	0	0–19	

Total (approx.) 560,000 – 1,300,000 **Overall trend** Moderate decline
Breeding range >5,000,000 km² **Gen. length.** <3.3 % **Global pop.** 25–49

2000 population	79		18	3
1990 population	6	36	48	10
Data quality (%) – <i>Athene noctua</i>				
□ unknown □ poor ■ medium ■ good				
1990–2000 trend	85			13
1970–1990 trend	10	32	46	12