

Alauda arvensis

EURASIAN SKYLARK

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

Criteria Large historical decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

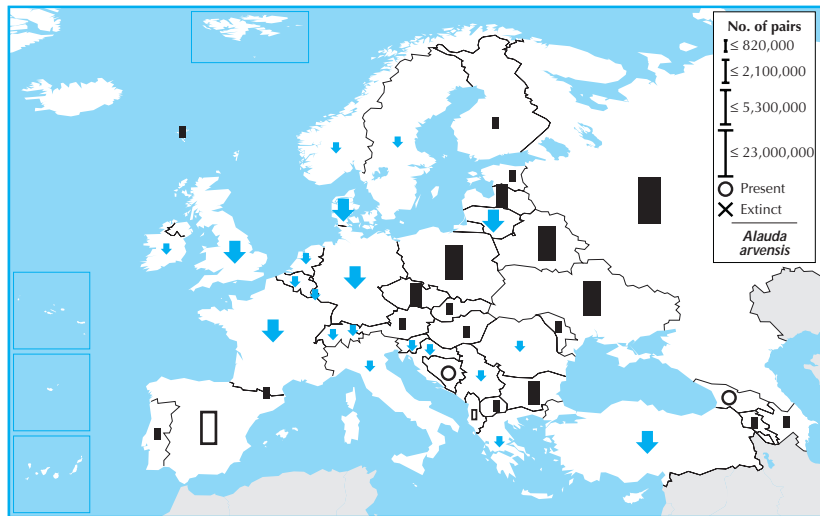
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Alauda arvensis is a widespread breeder across most of Europe, which accounts for less than half of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is extremely large (>40,000,000 pairs), but underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although declines continued in many western European countries during 1990–2000, key eastern populations remained stable, and the species probably declined only slightly overall. Nevertheless, its population size remains far below 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
Albania	500 – 1,000	02	?	–	
Andorra	(500 – 750)	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	250,000 – 500,000	90–02	0	0–19	
Austria	120,000 – 240,000	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(10,000 – 100,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	2,300,000 – 3,000,000	97–02	0	0–19	
Belgium	29,000 – 52,000	01–02	–	20–29	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	800,000 – 2,500,000	96–02	0	0–9	
Croatia	(50,000 – 100,000)	02	(–)	(50–79)	70,16
Czech Rep.	800,000 – 1,600,000	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	1,100,000 – 1,300,000	00	–	0–9	12
Faroe Is.	10 – 10	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	150,000 – 350,000	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	300,000 – 400,000	98–02	0	5	
France	(800,000 – 3,000,000)	98–02	–	14	4,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	1,600,000 – 2,700,000	95–99	–	20–29	
Greece	(2,000 – 5,000)	95–00	(–)	(0–19)	
Hungary	730,000 – 900,000	99–02	0	0–19	19
Rep. Ireland	250,000 – 500,000	88–91	–	0–19	
Italy	(500,000 – 1,000,000)	03	(–)	(0–19)	
Latvia	1,100,000 – 1,800,000	90–00	0	0–19	23,16
Liechtenstein	4 – 8	98–00	–	30–49	
Lithuania	(1,100,000 – 1,500,000)	99–01	(–)	(0–19)	20
Luxembourg	7,000 – 8,000	02	–	30–49	
Macedonia	(70,000 – 200,000)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Moldova	50,000 – 55,000	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	50,000 – 70,000	98–00	–	28	1
Norway	(100,000 – 400,000)	90–01	(–)	(0–19)	27
Poland	4,000,000 – 7,000,000	00–02	0	0–19	23
Portugal	(1,000 – 10,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Romania	460,000 – 850,000	00–02	–	0–19	48
Russia	15,000,000 – 35,000,000	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	3,8,23,32,104
Serbia & MN	350,000 – 500,000	90–02	–	10–19	1,29,155,172a, 67a,78,225
Slovakia	200,000 – 400,000	80–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	8,000 – 12,000	94	(–)	(0–19)	
Spain	(2,000,000 – 6,000,000)	92	?	–	13,12,10
Sweden	500,000 – 1,000,000	99–00	–	28	
Switzerland	40,000 – 50,000	93–96	–	10–19	
Turkey	(900,000 – 1,800,000)	01	(–)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	2,200,000 – 3,100,000	90–00	0	5–19	
UK	1,785,000 – 1,785,000	00	–	15	5,31

Total (approx.) 40,000,000 – 80,000,000
Breeding range >8,000,000 km²
Overall trend Small decline
Gen. length. <3.3 % **Global pop.** 25–49
(See p. 185, bottom, for data quality graph)