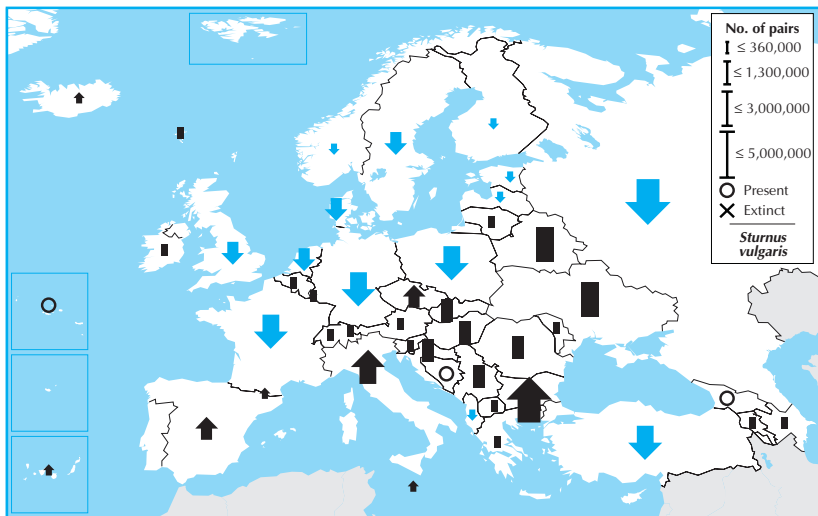


Sturnus vulgaris COMMON STARLING

SPEC 3 (1994: —) **Status** Declining
Criteria Moderate recent decline
European IUCN Red List Category —
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Global IUCN Red List Category —
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Sturnus vulgaris 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 (>23,000,000 pairs), and was stable between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased in much of southern and central Europe during 1990–2000, it declined in Turkey, Russia and most countries in the north and north-west, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, this previously Secure species is now evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	500 – 3,000	02	(-)	(0-19)	
Andorra	(5 – 10)	99-01	(+)	(N)	1,2,3
Armenia	100,000 – 150,000	00-02	0	0-19	
Austria	(100,000 – 200,000)	98-02	(0)	(0-19)	
Azerbaijan	(100,000 – 500,000)	96-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Belarus	1,500,000 – 1,700,000	02	(0)	(0-19)	
Belgium	20,000 – 100,000	01-02	(0)	(0-19)	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90-03	?	-	
Bulgaria	2,000,000 – 6,000,000	96-02	+	0-19	
Croatia	(1,000,000 – 1,500,000)	02	(0)	(0-19)	16
Czech Rep.	900,000 – 1,800,000	00	+	0-19	
Denmark	400,000 – 600,000	00	-	20-29	12
Faroe Is.	25,000 – 25,000	95	(0)	(0-19)	
Estonia	(20,000 – 50,000)	98	-	20-29	1
Finland	30,000 – 60,000	98-02	-	30	
France	(1,500,000 – 6,000,000)	98-02	-	14	4,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	-	
Germany	1,700,000 – 4,300,000	95-99	-	0-19	
Greece	(10,000 – 20,000)	95-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Hungary	710,000 – 990,000	99-02	0	0-19	19
Iceland	(3,000 – 4,000)	00	(+)	(0-19)	21
Rep. Ireland	250,000 – 500,000	88-91	0	0-19	
Italy	(1,000,000 – 3,000,000)	03	(+)	(0-19)	
Latvia	50,000 – 250,000	90-00	(-)	(0-19)	23,16,2
Liechtenstein	300 – 500	98-00	0	0-19	
Lithuania	(250,000 – 300,000)	99-01	(0)	(0-19)	20
Luxembourg	30,000 – 40,000	02	0	0-19	
Macedonia	(100,000 – 500,000)	90-00	(0)	(0-19)	
Malta	5 – 10	95-02	+	0-19	1
Moldova	150,000 – 200,000	90-00	0	0-19	
Netherlands	500,000 – 900,000	98-00	-	24	1
Norway	(200,000 – 500,000)	90-03	-	20-29	
Poland	1,500,000 – 3,000,000	00-02	-	20-29	23
Portugal					
Azores	Present	02	?	-	
Romania	840,000 – 1,224,000	00-02	(0)	(0-19)	48
Russia	(2,500,000 – 10,000,000)	90-00	(-)	(20-29)	8,23,39,122
Serbia & MN	400,000 – 700,000	90-02	F	10-29	1,29,172a,67a,78,227,152
Slovakia	400,000 – 800,000	90-99	0	0-19	
Slovenia	80,000 – 100,000	94	(0)	(0-19)	
Spain	(400,000 – 1,200,000)	98-02	(+)	(0-19)	10
Canary Is.	(50 – 250)	97-03	(+)	(0-19)	28,25
Sweden	750,000 – 1,500,000	99-00	-	12	
Switzerland	150,000 – 220,000	93-96	0	0-19	
Turkey	(1,000,000 – 4,000,000)	01	(-)	(0-19)	
Ukraine	1,400,000 – 1,900,000	90-00	F	20-29	
UK	804,000 – 804,000	00	-	33	5,31
Total (approx.)	23,000,000 – 56,000,000		Overall trend	Moderate decline	
Breeding range	>7,000,000 km²		Gen. length.	<3.3 % Global pop.	25-49
				(See p. 262, bottom, for data quality graph)	