

Falco tinnunculus

COMMON KESTREL

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

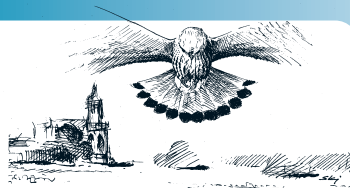
Criteria Moderate continuing decline

European IUCN Red List Category —

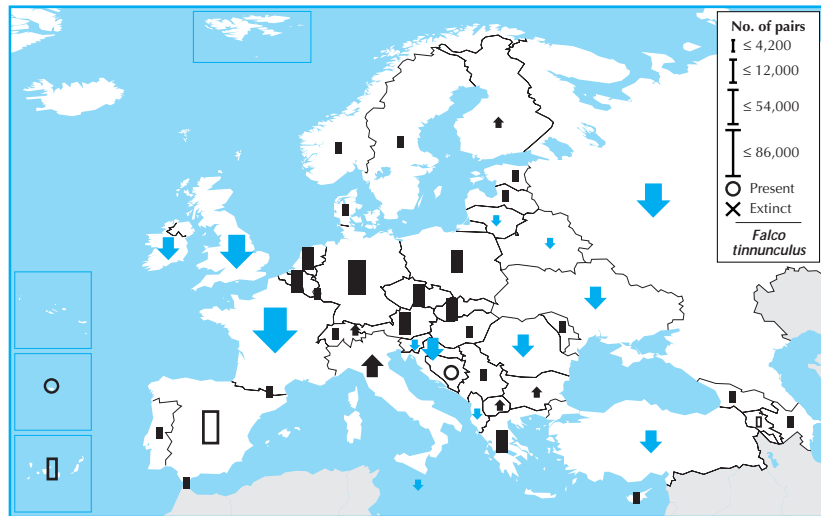
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Global IUCN Red List Category —

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Falco tinnunculus is a widespread breeder across most of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global breeding range. Its European breeding population is large (>330,000 pairs), but underwent a moderate decline between 1970–1990. Although trends were stable or increased in many countries during 1990–2000, key populations in the United Kingdom, France and Russia declined, and the species underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Declining.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Albania	500 – 2,000	96–02	(-)	(0–19)	
Andorra	35 – 90	99–01	(0)	(0–19)	1,3
Armenia	260 – 330	00–02	?	–	
Austria	(5,000 – 10,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	
Azerbaijan	(1,000 – 5,000)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	1,200 – 1,700	97–02	–	0–9	
Belgium	3,800 – 6,000	01–02	0	0–19	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	2,500 – 5,000	96–02	+	0–19	
Croatia	(5,000 – 8,000)	02	(-)	(50–79)	26,54,16
Cyprus	(2,000 – 4,000)	94–02	(0)	(0–9)	
Czech Rep.	9,000 – 13,000	00	0	0–19	
Denmark	2,500 – 2,500	00	F	30–49	14
Estonia	300 – 450	98	0	0–19	1
Finland	2,000 – 3,000	98–02	+	25	
France	72,000 – 101,000	00–02	–	22	8,2
Georgia	(2,000 – 3,000)	94–03	0	0–19	
Germany	41,500 – 68,000	95–99	0	0–19	
Greece	(5,000 – 10,000)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	3,500 – 5,000	99–02	0	0–19	19,1
Rep. Ireland	2,500 – 10,000	88–91	–	0–19	
Italy	(8,000 – 12,000)	03	(+)	(0–19)	6
Latvia	100 – 200	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	23,16
Liechtenstein	20 – 30	98–00	(+)	(0–9)	
Lithuania	200 – 300	99–01	–	20–29	20
Luxembourg	500 – 700	00–02	0	0–19	
Macedonia	(1,000 – 2,500)	99–00	(+)	(20–29)	3
Malta	1 – 2	90–02	–	>80	1
Moldova	250 – 350	90–00	0	0–19	
Netherlands	5,000 – 7,500	98–00	0	17	1
Norway	(2,000 – 4,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	5,000 – 10,000	00–03	(0)	(0–19)	23
Portugal	(1,000 – 3,000)	02	(0)	(0–19)	
Madeira	Present	02	?	–	
Romania	10,000 – 14,000	90–02	(-)	(0–19)	48
Russia	(40,000 – 60,000)	94–02	(-)	(20–29)	8,22,104
Serbia & MN	3,400 – 4,500	90–02	0	0–19	1,112,172a
Slovakia	4,000 – 6,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	1,500 – 2,000	94	(-)	(0–19)	
Spain	(25,000 – 30,000)	92	?	–	13,12,16,10
Canary Is.	2,500 – 10,000	97–03	?	–	28,25
Sweden	2,500 – 3,500	99–00	0	0–19	
Switzerland	3,000 – 5,000	93–96	0	0–19	
Turkey	(9,000 – 14,000)	01	(-)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	9,000 – 14,400	90–00	–	0–19	
UK	36,800 – 36,800	00	–	28	5,11
Gibraltar	6 – 8	00	0	0–19	
Total (approx.)	330,000 – 500,000				
Breeding range	>8,000,000 km²				

Overall trend Moderate decline
Gen. length. <3.3 % **Global pop.** 5–24
 (See p. 86, bottom, for data quality graph)