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***Apus apus* (Common Swift)**

European Red List of Birds

Supplementary Material

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Recommended citation

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Further information

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<http://www.birdlife.org/europe-and-central-asia/european-red-list-birds-0>
<http://www.iucnredlist.org/regions/europe>
<http://ec.europa.eu/environment/nature/conservation/species/redlist/>

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Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe¹.

Country (or territory) ²	Population estimate				Short-term population trend ⁵				Long-term population trend ⁵				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (pairs) ³	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Method ⁴	Direction ⁶	Magnitude (%) ⁷	Year(s)	Method ⁴	Direction ⁶	Magnitude (%) ⁷	Year(s)	Method ⁴	
Albania	4800–10700	<1	2007-2018	partial	-	-33 to 22	2007-2018	partial	-	-47 to -2	1980-2018	expert	
Andorra	80–210	<1	2014-2017	partial	?		2011-2018	deficient	?				
Armenia	115000–150000	<1	2013-2018	complete	0		2007-2018		0		2003-2018	partial	
Austria	30000–60000	<1	2013-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	?		1981-2018	deficient	
Azerbaijan	10000–100000	<1	1996-2019	expert	?		2013-2019	expert	?		1980-2019	expert	
Belarus	140000–160000	<1	2010-2018	partial	0	-10 to 10	2012-2019	expert	0	0	1980-2019	expert	
Belgium	39400–71600	<1	2013-2018	expert	?	-46 to 26	2008-2018	expert	?		1973-2018	partial	
Bosnia & HG	2000–3000	<1	2015-2018	complete	?	-10 to 10	2007-2018	complete	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Bulgaria	8000–20000	<1	2005-2018	partial	-	-30 to -20	2001-2018	expert	0	5 to 10	1980-2018	expert	
Croatia	100000–500000	1	2014-2014	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Cyprus	13000–63000	<1	2013-2018	partial	?	-13 to 5	2007-2018	expert	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Czechia	60000–120000	<1	2014-2017	complete	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Denmark	10500–10600	<1	2017	partial	0	-36 to 45	2006-2017	complete	-	-34 to -2	1980-2017	complete	
Estonia	50000–100000	<1	2013-2017	expert	0	-16 to -11	2007-2018	expert	0		1980-2018	expert	
Finland	75000–150000	<1	2013-2018	complete	-	-53 to -25	2007-2018	complete	-	-70 to -26	1980-2018	complete	
France	400000–800000	3	2013-2018	partial	?		2007-2017	deficient	?		1989-2017	expert	
Georgia	46200–463000	<1	2013-2017	partial	?			deficient	?				
Germany	185000–345000	1	2016-2016	expert	-		2004-2016	expert	-		1980-2016	expert	
Gibraltar	2000	<1	2014-2018	expert	0	0	2001-2018	expert	F	-2000 to 2000	1980-2018	expert	
Greece	50000–70000	<1	2015	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Hungary	3000–5000	<1	2014-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Rep. Ireland	9500–65400	<1	2011-2016	complete	-	-47 to -28	2006-2016	complete	?		1980-2016	deficient	
Italy	500000–1000000	3	2013-2018	expert	0		2000-2014	partial	0		1993-2018	expert	
Kosovo	200–300	<1	2007-2019	partial	+		2007-2018	partial	+		1990-2018	partial	
Latvia	63800–155000	<1	2016-2016	complete	+	20 to 498	2005-2018	complete	+	56 to 58	1991-2017	partial	
Lithuania	50000–100000	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-10 to -5	2013-2018	partial	-		1980-2018	partial	
Luxembourg	1800–2700	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-20 to -10	2007-2018	partial	-	-50 to -20	1980-2018	expert	
North Macedonia	5000–10000	<1	2014-2019	expert	0		2007-2018	expert	?		1980-2019		
Malta	31–49	<1	2017-2018	complete	+		2008-2018	complete	+		1980-2018	complete	
Moldova	1000–2000	<1	2014-2017	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	0		1990-2018	expert	
Montenegro	300–500	<1	2002-2012	expert	0		2007-2018	expert	?				
Netherlands	40000–60000	<1	2013-2015	complete	-	-16 to -6	2007-2017	complete	?		1989-2017	deficient	

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Norway	35000–70000	<1	2013-2018	expert	F		2013-2018	partial	0		1980-2018	partial	
Poland	64000–187000	<1	2013-2018	complete	0	-3 to 27	2007-2018	complete	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Portugal	100000–1000000	2	2013-2018	partial	-		2004-2018	partial	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Romania	15000–60000	<1	2013-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Russia	1800000–2800000	11	2008-2018	partial	-	-29 to -20	2008-2018	expert	-	-49 to -30	1980-2018	expert	
Serbia	4200–6700	<1	2013-2018	partial	+	10 to 29	2007-2018	complete	+	30 to 49	1980-2018	complete	
Slovakia	20000–40000	<1	2013-2018	complete	-	-20 to -10	2007-2018	complete	0		1980-2018	expert	
Slovenia	3000–5000	<1	2002-2018	complete	-	-50 to -40	2008-2018	complete	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Spain	10200000–14400000	58	2016	partial	-	-26	2007-2018	complete	-	-30	1980-2018	complete	
ES: Canary Is	1–50	<1	1997-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Sweden	234000–287000	1	2013-2018	partial	-	-25 to -8	2007-2018	partial	-	-78 to -70	1980-2018	partial	
Switzerland	40000–60000	<1	2013–2016	partial	0	-24 to 25	2007-2018	complete	0	-13 to 29	1999-2018	complete	
Turkey	1000000–4000000	10	2002-2012	partial	?		2008-2019	deficient	?		1980-2013	deficient	
Ukraine	500000–750000	3	2015-2017	partial	0		2007-2019	partial	F		1980-2018	partial	
United Kingdom	42900–75200	<1	2016	partial	-		2004-2016	complete	-	-58 to -49	1995-2016	complete	
EU28	12400000–19800000	74											
Europe	16100000–28400000	100											

¹ See 'Sources' at end of factsheet, and for more details on individual EU Member State reports, see the Article 12 reporting portal at <http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/report>.

² The designation of geographical entities and the presentation of the material do not imply the expression of any opinion whatsoever on the part of IUCN or BirdLife International concerning the legal status of any country, territory or area, or of its authorities, or concerning the delimitation of its frontiers or boundaries.

³ In the few cases where population size estimates were reported in units other than those specified, they were converted to the correct units using standard correction factors.

⁴ The 'method used' (replacing the data 'quality' assessment in the 2015 European Red List) is reported as: a) Complete: complete survey or a statistically robust estimate; b) Partial: based mainly on extrapolation from a limited amount of data; c) Expert: based mainly on expert opinion with very limited data; d) Defficient: insufficient or no data available.

⁵ The robustness of regional trends to the effects of any missing or incomplete data was tested using plausible scenarios, based on other sources of information, including any other reported information, recent national Red Lists, scientific literature, other publications and consultation with relevant experts.

⁶ Trend directions are reported as: increasing (+); decreasing (-); stable (0); fluctuating (F); or unknown (?).

⁷ Trend magnitudes are rounded to the nearest integer.

Trend maps

A symbol appears in each country where the species occurs: the shape and colour of the symbol represent the population trend in that country, and the size of the symbol corresponds to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

KEY

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| ↑ Large increase ($\geq 50\%$) | ↓ Large decrease ($\geq 50\%$) |
| ↑ Moderate increase (20–49%) | ↓ Moderate decrease (20–49%) |
| ↑ Small increase ($< 20\%$) | ↓ Small decrease ($< 20\%$) |
| ↑ Increase of unknown magnitude | ↓ Decrease of unknown magnitude |
| ■ Stable or fluctuating | |
| □ Unknown | |
| ○ Present (no population or trend data) | |
| × Extinct since 1980 | |

Each symbol, with the exception of Present and Extinct, may occur in up to three different size classes, corresponding to the proportion of the European population occurring in that country.

- ↑ Large: $\geq 10\%$ of the European population
- ↑ Medium: 1–9% of the European population
- ↑ Small: $< 1\%$ of the European population

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Figure 1. Breeding population sizes and short-term trends across Europe.

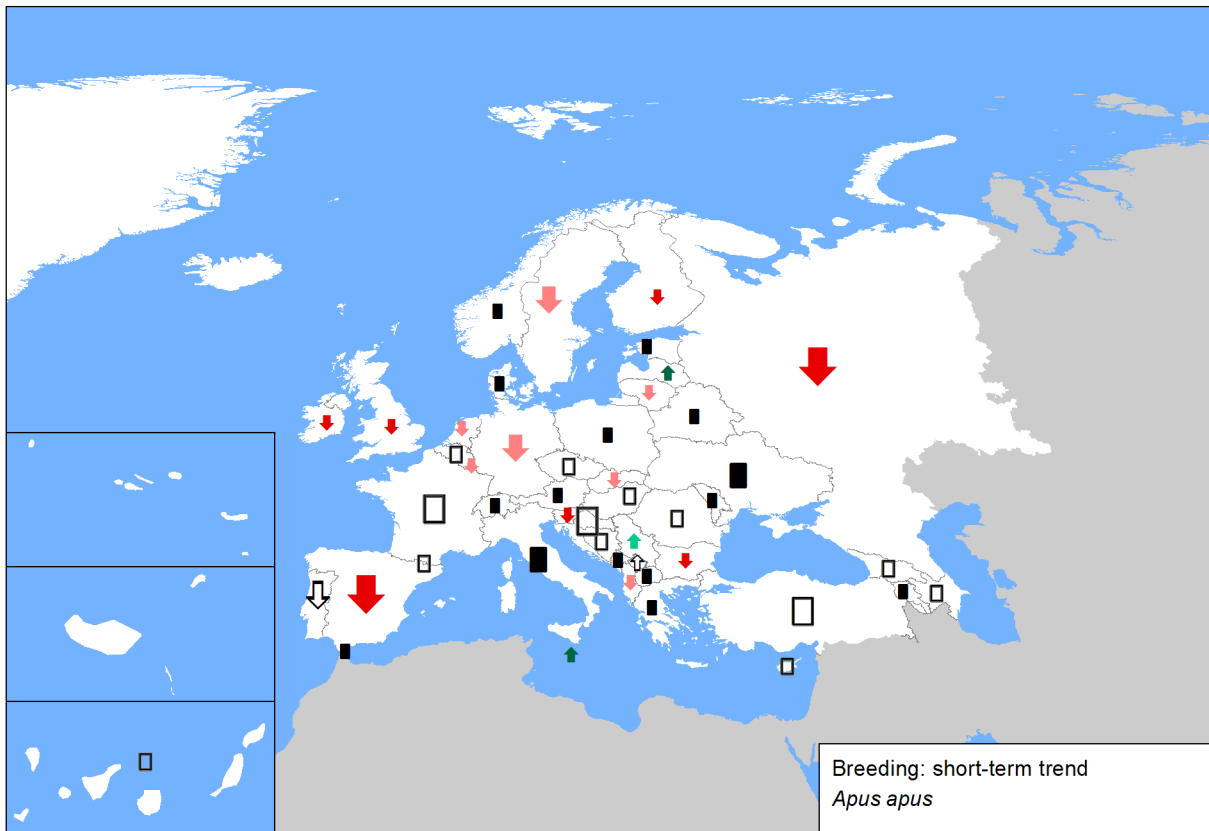
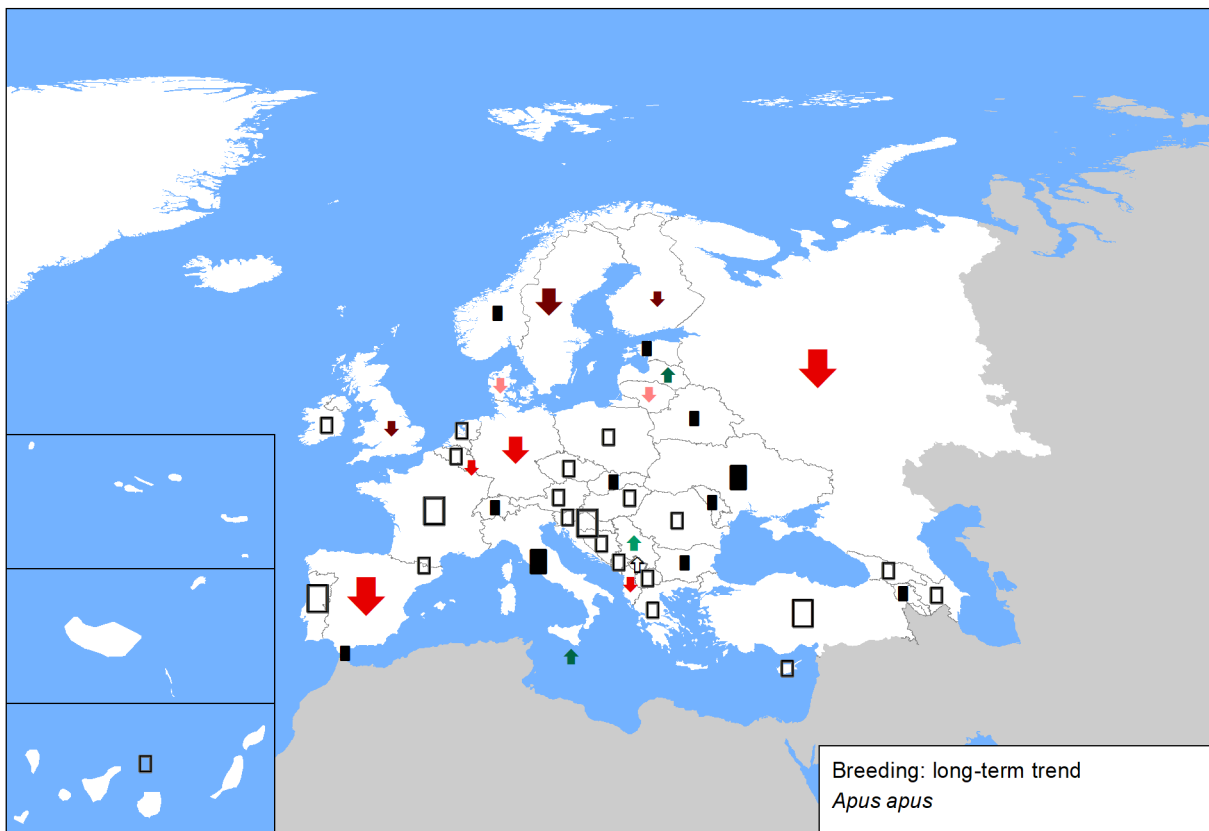


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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