Limosa limosa (Black-tailed Godwit)

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Table 1. Reported national breeding population size and trends in Europe[1].

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]	
Austria	40–60	<1	2014-2018	complete	-		2007-2018	complete	-	-80 to -60	1986-2018	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Belarus	5000–6500	4	2010-2018	partial	-	-40 to -20	2012-2019	expert	-	-42 to 0	1980-2019	expert	
Belgium	700–900	<1	2013-2018	complete	-	-30 to -10	2008-2018	complete	+	56 to 100	1973-2018	partial	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Czechia	2–4	<1	2014-2017	complete	-	-80	2001-2017	complete	-		1986-2016	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Denmark	550	<1	2017	complete	0	-15 to 20	2006-2017	complete	0	-30 to 18	1990-2017	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
DK: Faroe Is	1–3	<1	2014	expert	?				?				
Estonia	500–700	<1	2013-2017	complete	0	4 to 22	2006-2017	complete	-	-97 to -75	1980-2017	complete	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Finland	250–280	<1	2013-2018	complete	+		2008-2018	complete	+		1980-2018	partial	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
France	150–180	<1	2013-2018	complete	0	0 to 8	2007-2018	complete	+	66 to 74	1981-2018	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Germany	3600–3800	2	2012-2016	complete	-		2004-2016	expert	-		1980-2016	expert	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Hungary	80–320	<1	2014-2018	partial	-	-47 to -33	2007-2018	expert	-	-92 to -73	1980-2018	expert	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Iceland	68000	45	2016	partial	+		2006-2018	partial	+		1980-2018	partial	
Italy	15	<1	2013-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	+	50 to 200	1993-2018	expert	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Latvia	21–60	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-63 to -57	2000-2018	partial	-	-65 to -60	1980-2017	partial	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Lithuania	70–120	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-30 to -10	2013-2018	partial	0	0	1980-2018	partial	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Netherlands	31000–38000	23	2013-2015	complete	-	-37 to -27	2006-2017	complete	-	-72 to -64	1984-2017	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Norway	17–32	<1	2013-2018	complete	-	-70 to -10	2013-2018	complete	-	-90 to -70	1980-2018	complete	
Poland	800–1500	<1	2013-2018	expert	-	-68 to -29	2007-2018	complete	-	-90 to -80	1980-2018	expert	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Romania	10–100	<1	2013-2018	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	+	1 to 20	1980-2018	expert	Eastern Europe/Central & Eastern Africa
Russia	25000–45000	22	2008-2018	expert	-	-20 to -15	2008-2018	partial	-	-29 to -20	1980-2018	partial	
Serbia	11–30	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-29 to -10	2007-2018	complete	F	0	1980-2018	complete	
Slovakia	0–2	<1	2013-2018	deficient	-	-100 to -50	2007-2018	partial	-	-100 to -90	1980-2018	partial	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Spain	0–10	<1	2007	partial	0		2007-2011	complete	0		1980-2011	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Sweden	100–120	<1	2013-2018	complete	+	30 to 70	2007-2018	complete	-	-80 to -60	1980-2018	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
Ukraine	400–600	<1	2015-2019	partial	-	-50 to -30	2009-2019	partial	-	-50 to -30	1980-2019	partial	
United Kingdom	48	<1	2012-2016	complete	0		2001-2016	complete	-		1978-2016	complete	Western Europe/NW & West Africa
United Kingdom	7	<1	2012-2016	complete	-		2001-2016	complete	+		1978-2016	complete	islandica
EU28	37900–46700	28											
Europe	**136000–167000**	**100**											

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[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.
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[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.

Table 2. Reported national wintering population sizes and trends in Europe[1]. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data, and that only minimum totals are presented, to avoid double-counting of birds moving between countries.

Country (or territory)[2]	Population estimate				Short-term population trend[5]				Long-term population trend[5]				Subspecific population (where relevant)
	Size (individuals)[3]	Europe (%)	Year(s)	Method[4]	Direction[6]	Magnitude (%)[7]	Year(s)	Method[4]	Direction[6]	Magnitude (%)[7]	Year(s)	Method[4]	
Albania	10–20	<1	2007-2018	complete	-	-83 to 0	2007-2018	complete	-	-91 to 0	1980-2018	complete	
Azerbaijan	1000–5000	2	1996-2019	partial	?		2010-2019	partial	?		1980-2019	expert	
Bulgaria	0–15	<1	2013-2018	partial	-	-20	2000-2018	complete	-	-30 to -20	1980-2018	partial	
France	27000–29200	18	2013-2018	complete	+	27 to 85	2007-2017	complete	+	65 to 82	1980-2017	complete	
Rep. Ireland	17800–17900	12	2011-2016	complete	+	30	2004-2016	complete	+	135	1987-2016	partial	
Netherlands	190–450	<1	2013-2017	complete	?	-69 to 2	2006-2017	complete	0	-68 to 26	1981-2017	complete	
Portugal	9900–32300	12	2013-2018	complete	0	-6 to 25	2007-2018	complete	?		1988-2018	partial	
Spain	30500–65200	30	2007-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	complete	+	2	1980-2018	complete	
Turkey	80–1900	<1	2013-2019	complete	?		2008-2019	deficient	?		1980-2019	deficient	
Ukraine	1–10	<1	2014-2017	partial	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
United Kingdom	40900–41000	27	2012-2016	complete	+	54	2005-2016	complete	+	1011	1980-2016	complete	
EU28	126000–186000	98											
Europe	**127000–193000**	**100**											

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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

- Large increase (≥50%)
- Moderate increase (20–49%)
- Small increase (<20%)
- Increase of unknown magnitude
- Stable or fluctuating
- Unknown
- Present (no population or trend data)
- Extinct since 1980
- Large decrease (≥50%)
- Moderate decrease (20–49%)
- Small decrease (<20%)
- Decrease of unknown magnitude

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: ≥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.

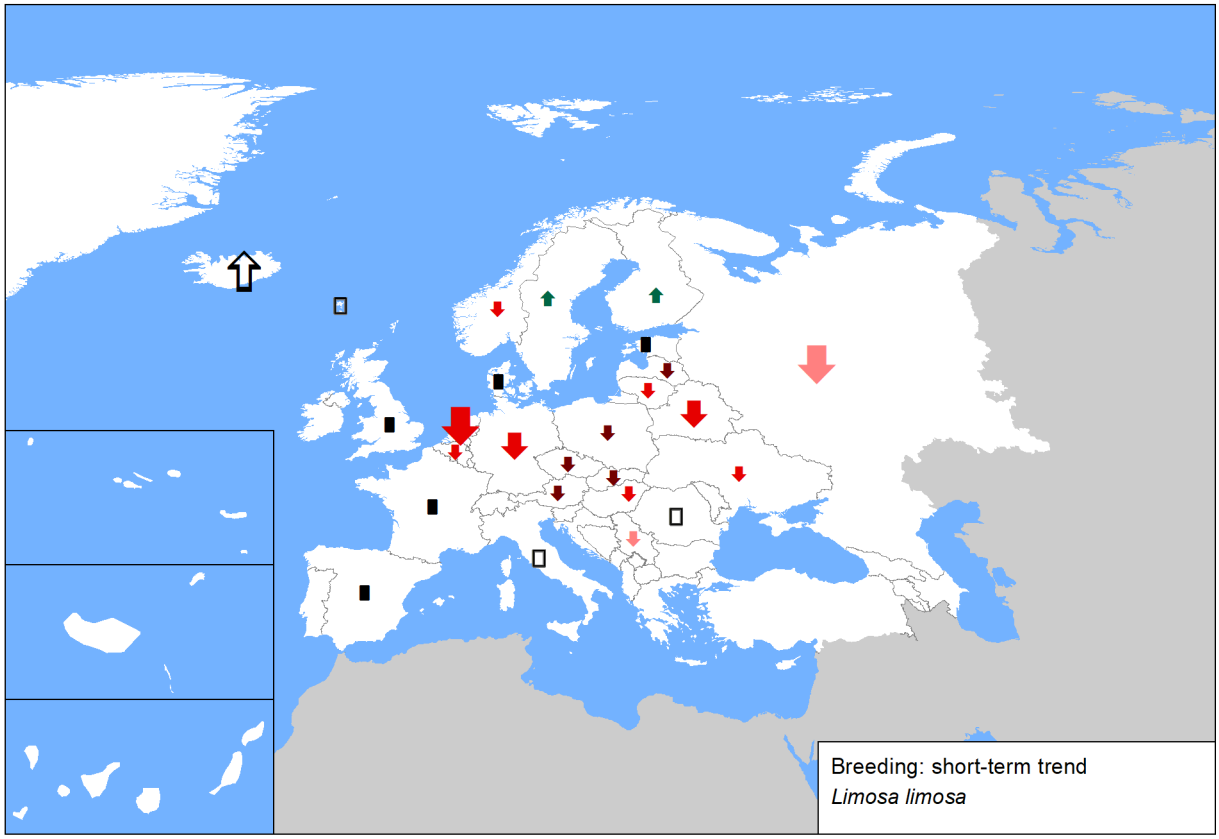


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.

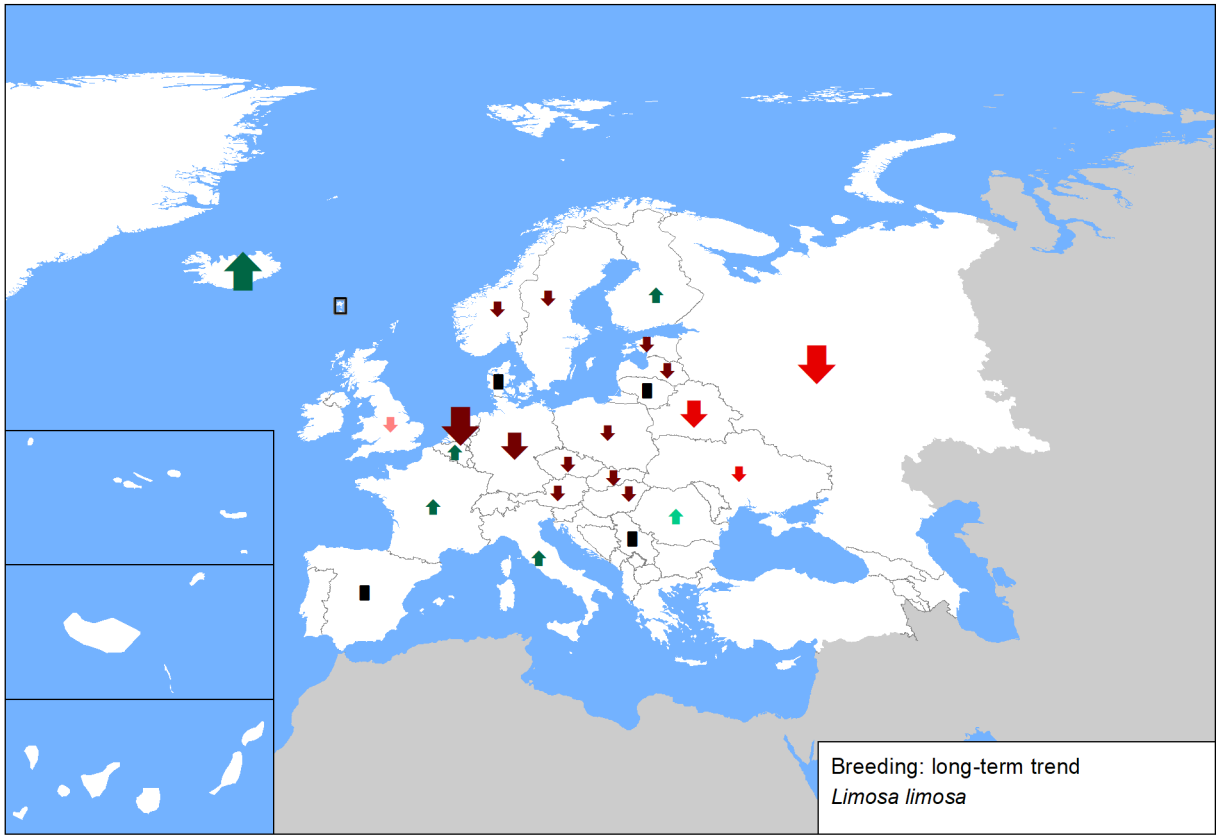


Figure 3. Reported wintering population sizes and short-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.

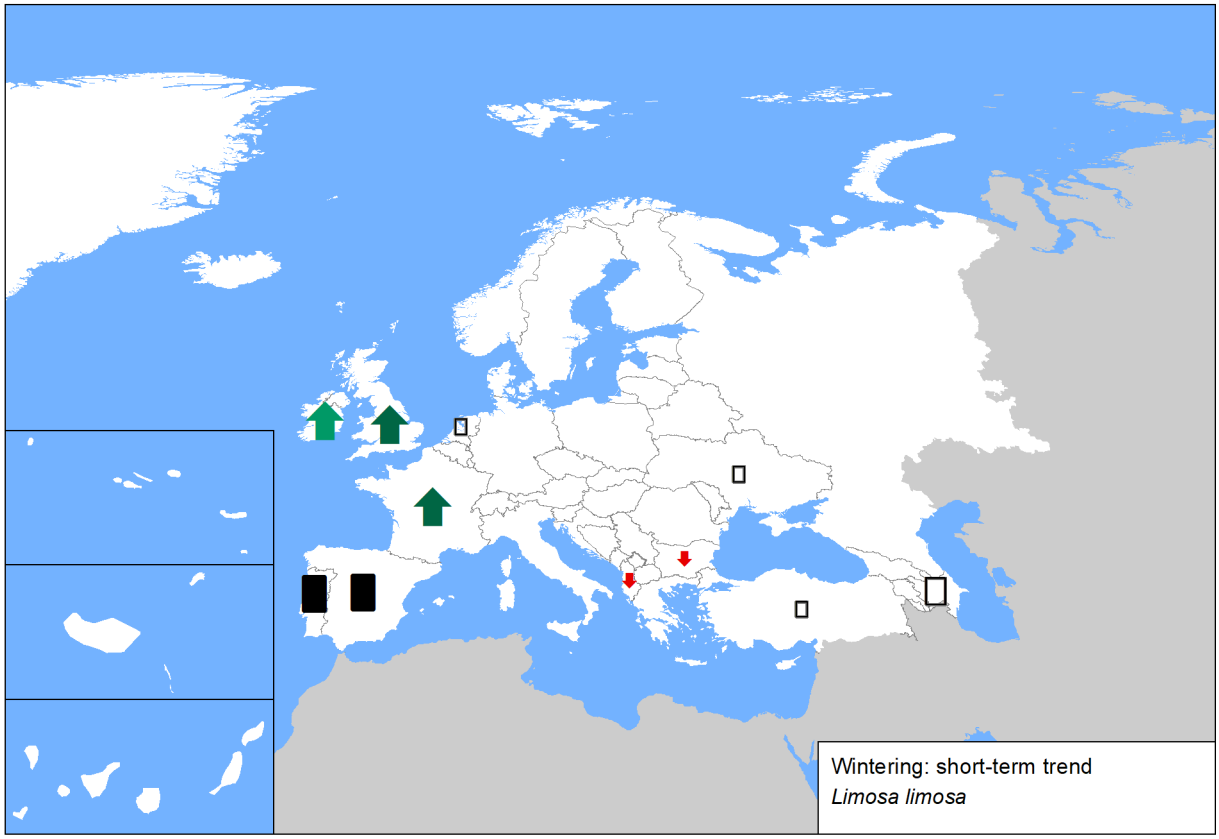
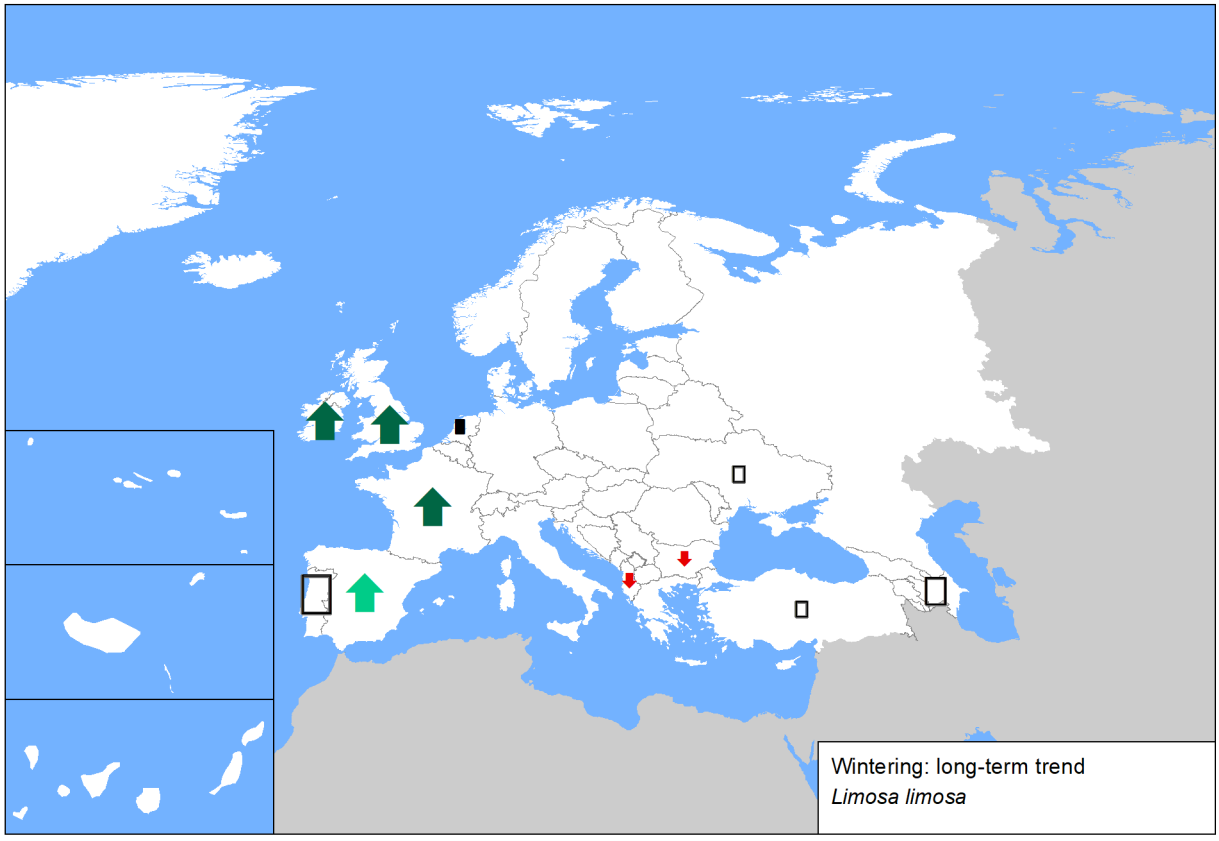


Figure 4. Reported wintering population sizes and long-term trends across Europe. Note that some countries within the species' wintering range did not report any data.



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Netherlands: all non-breeding populations

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