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Cisticola juncidis (Zitting Cisticola)

European Red List of Birds

Supplementary Material

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Further information

<http://datazone.birdlife.org/info/euroredlist>
<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	700–1400	<1	2007-2018	partial	-	-53 to -30	2007-2018	partial	-	-53 to -30	1980-2018	expert	
Belgium	0–10	<1	2013-2018	complete	F		2008-2018	partial	+	-100 to 1900	1975-2018	partial	
Bosnia & HG	5–20	<1	2015-2018	complete	?	-10 to 10	2007-2018	complete	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Croatia	1000	<1	2014-2014	expert	?		2007-2018	deficient	?		1980-2018	deficient	
Cyprus	29000–86000	4	2013-2018	partial	-	-29 to -28	2007-2018	partial	?		1980-2018	deficient	
France	30000–50000	3	2013-2018	partial	-		2007-2018	partial	-		2001-2018	partial	
Gibraltar	1–5	<1	2014-2018	complete	F	-1 to 5	2001-2018	partial	0	0	1980-2018	complete	
Greece	20000–30000	2	2013-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	0		1980-2018	partial	
Italy	100000–300000	13	2013-2018	expert	0		2000-2014	partial	0		1993-2018	expert	
Malta	12600–18700	1	2017-2018	complete	0		2008-2018	complete	0		1980-2018	complete	
Montenegro	20–60	<1	2002-2012	expert	0		2007-2018	expert	?				
Netherlands	6–42	<1	2013-2017	complete	-	-82 to -68	2006-2017	complete	+	477 to 1126	1980-2017	complete	
Portugal	100000–500000	16	2013-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	partial	0		1980-2018	partial	
Slovenia	40–60	<1	2018-2018	complete	F		2007-2018	expert	F		1980-2018	expert	
Spain	843000–844000	61	2004-2018	partial	0		2007-2018	complete	0		1980-2018	partial	
Turkey	1500–4500	<1	2002-2012	expert	?		2008-2019	deficient	?		1980-2013	deficient	
EU28	1130000–1830000	100											
Europe	1130000–1840000	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) Deficient: 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 (≥50%) | ↓ Large decrease (≥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: ≥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.

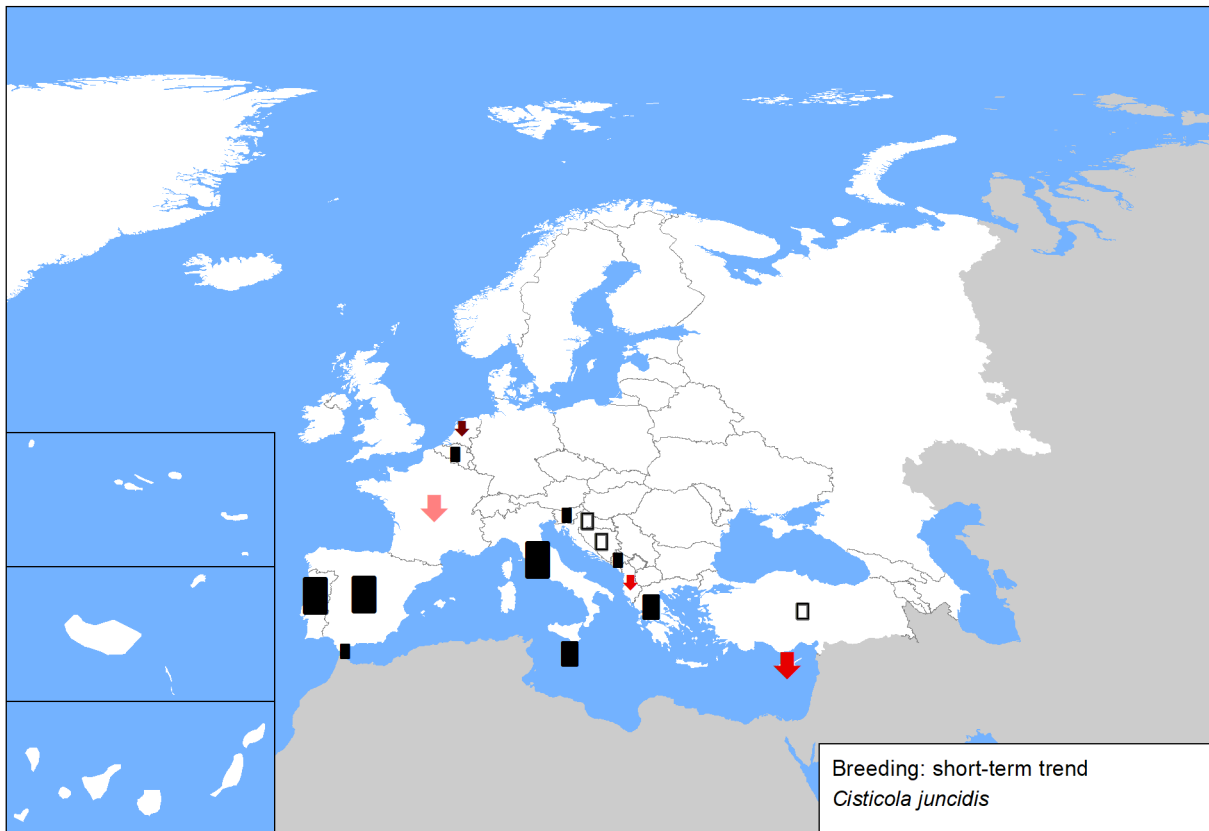
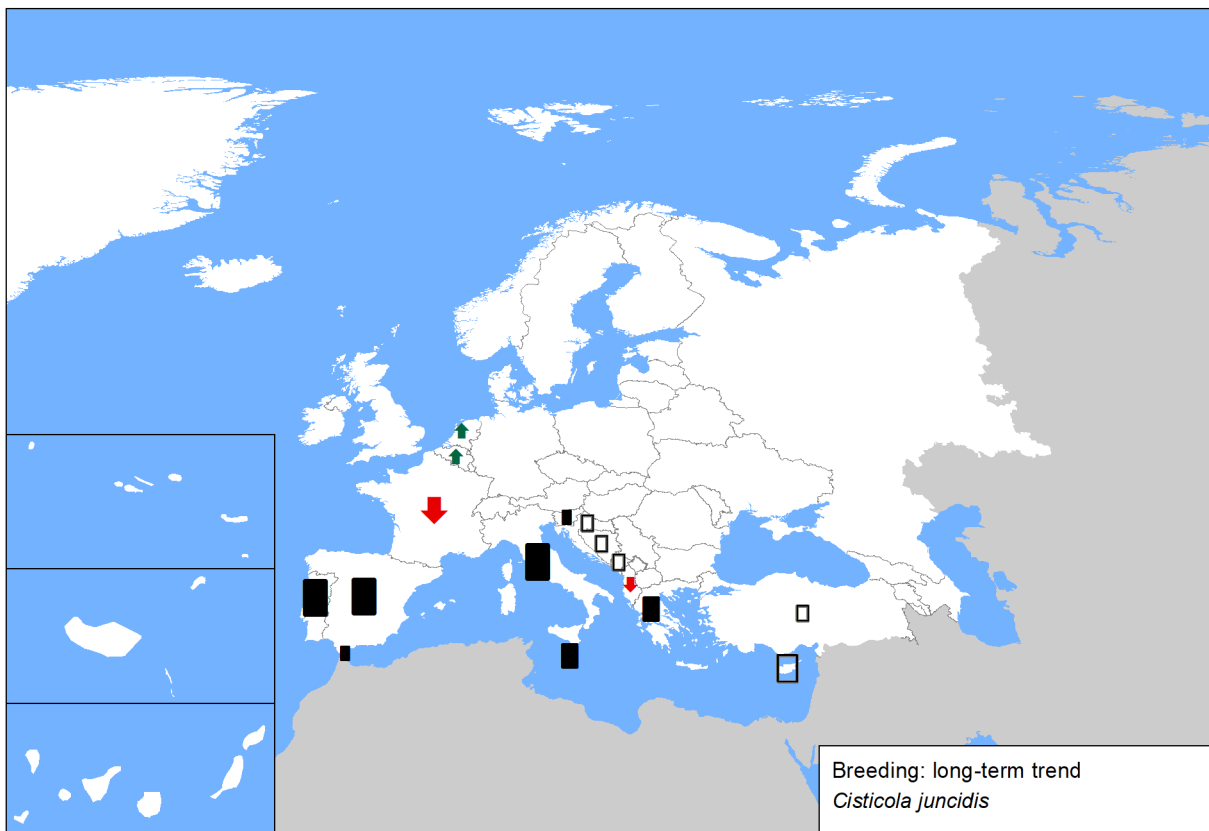


Figure 2. Breeding population sizes and long-term trends across Europe.



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