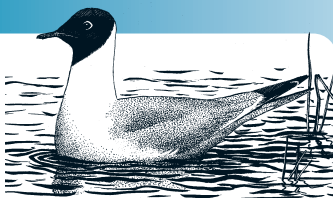


Larus ridibundus

COMMON BLACK-HEADED GULL



Non-SPEC^E (1994: —) Status (Secure)

Criteria —

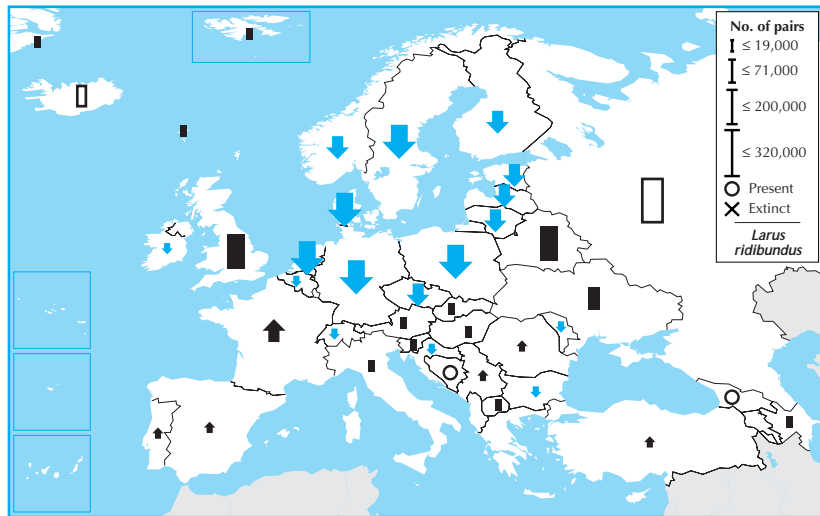
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Larus ridibundus is a widespread breeder across much of Europe, which is now thought to hold >50% of its global breeding population. Its European breeding population is very large (>1,500,000 pairs), and increased substantially between 1970–1990. Although the species declined in north-central Europe—particularly in countries bordering the Baltic Sea—during 1990–2000, and underwent a moderate decline (>10%) overall, this decline is probably outweighed by the earlier increase. Consequently, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Austria	6,000 – 8,000	98–02	0	0–19	
Azerbaijan	(0 – 100)	96–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Belarus	180,000 – 220,000	90–00	0	0–19	
Belgium	18,000 – 19,000	95–02	–	0–19	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	40 – 100	98–02	–	>80	
Croatia	(500 – 2,000)	02	(–)	(50–79)	26,25,29
Czech Rep.	50,000 – 100,000	90	–	50–79	
Denmark	110,000 – 125,000	98	–	30–49	11
Faroe Is.	250 – 250	95	(0)	(0–19)	
Greenland	(5 – 50)	90–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Estonia	(50,000 – 80,000)	98	–	20–29	1
Finland	50,000 – 100,000	98–02	–	30	
France	29,100 – 32,500	99–00	+	100	1,2
Georgia	Present	03	?	–	
Germany	136,000 – 167,000	95–99	–	20–29	
Hungary	7,000 – 15,000	95–02	0	0–19	
Iceland	(25,000 – 30,000)	78–94	?	–	1
Rep. Ireland	3,900 – 3,900	99–02	–	50–79	
Italy	500 – 1,000	03	0	0–19	
Latvia	32,000 – 32,000	90–00	–	20–29	25
Lithuania	30,000 – 60,000	99–01	–	20–29	20
Macedonia	(50 – 250)	96–00	(F)	(–)	7
Moldova	15 – 30	90–00	–	30–49	
Netherlands	132,000 – 137,000	98–00	–	26	1
Norway	(20,000 – 60,000)	90–02	–	0–19	27
Swalbard	0 – 1	95–03	0	0–19	
Poland	110,000 – 120,000	95–00	–	30–49	2
Portugal	0 – 5	02	+	N	
Romania	14,000 – 16,000	90–02	+	0–19	
Russia	200,000 – 500,000	90–00	?	–	4,24,42,60,104,112,113,114,135,139
Serbia & MN	2,500 – 3,700	98–02	+	10–19	1,138,29,155,204,78,214
Slovakia	9,000 – 17,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	150 – 300	95–00	F	>80	
Spain	2,500 – 10,000	98–02	+	0–19	10,11
Sweden	75,000 – 125,000	99–00	–	10–19	
Switzerland	700 – 1,200	98–02	–	50–79	
Turkey	4,000 – 8,000	01	(+)	(0–19)	
Ukraine	35,000 – 70,000	90–00	F	30–49	
UK	138,000 – 138,000	98–02	0	4	20
Total (approx.)	1,500,000 – 2,200,000				
Breeding range	>6,000,000 km²				
Overall trend Moderate decline					
Gen. length 6 % Global pop. 50-74					
(See p. 136, bottom, for data quality graph)					
Winter pop. size (individuals)					
Total (approx.)	>3,200,000				
% in European IBAs	>10				
Overall trend Small decline					
Gen. length 6 % Global pop. 25-49					