

# *Phasianus colchicus*

## COMMON PHEASANT



**Non-SPEC** (1994: —) **Status** (Secure)

**Criteria** —

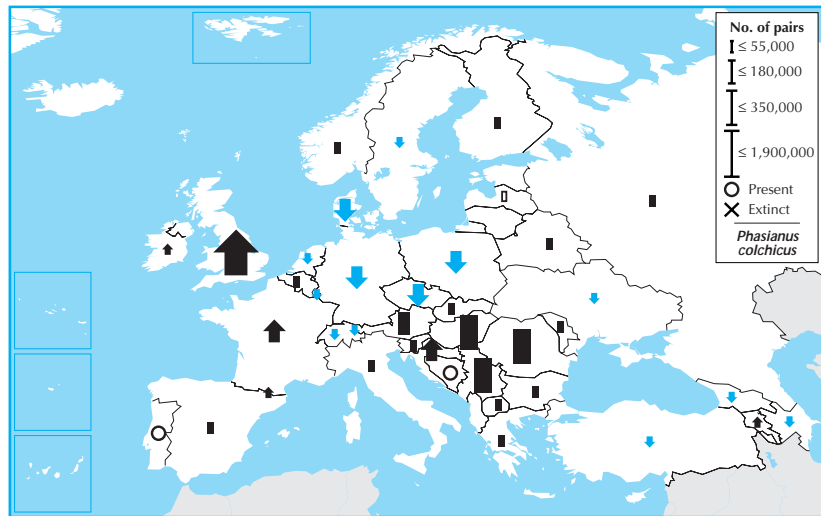
**European IUCN Red List Category** —

**Criteria** —

**Global IUCN Red List Category** —

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*Phasianus colchicus* is a widespread resident across much of Europe, which accounts for less than a quarter of its global range. Its European breeding population is very large (>3,400,000 pairs), and was probably stable between 1970–1990. Although the species declined in parts of north-central Europe during 1990–2000, most populations—including the key one in the United Kingdom—were stable or increased. The status of the truly wild population of this species in Europe is obscured by confusion with introduced birds. Nevertheless, the species is provisionally evaluated as Secure.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag. %	References
Andorra	(0 – 5)	01	(+)	(N)	1,3
Armenia	<b>80 – 200</b>	97–02	+	<b>10–19</b>	
Austria	(50,000 – 150,000)	98–02	(F)	(20–29)	
Azerbaijan	(1,000 – 2,500)	96–00	(–)	(20–29)	
Belarus	30 – 50	90–97	(F)	(–)	
Belgium	20,000 – 100,000	01–02	(0)	(0–19)	1
Bosnia & HG	Present	90–03	?	–	
Bulgaria	4,000 – 10,000	95–02	0	0–19	
Croatia	(100,000 – 150,000)	02	(+)	(20–29)	16
Czech Rep.	<b>75,000 – 150,000</b>	00	–	<b>50–79</b>	
Denmark	(100,000 – 200,000)	00	–	30	
Finland	10,000 – 20,000	98–02	0	0–19	
France	(100,000 – 300,000)	00	(+)	(29)	1,2
Georgia	5,000 – 10,000	94–02	–	50–79	
Germany	120,000 – 210,000	95–99	(–)	(30–49)	
Greece	(50 – 800)	95–00	(0)	(0–19)	
Hungary	<b>320,000 – 380,000</b>	99–02	(0)	(0–19)	19
Rep. Ireland	20,000 – 100,000	88–91	+	30–49	
Italy	(1,000 – 100,000)	03	(0)	(0–19)	
Latvia	(0 – 20)	90–00	?	–	16
Liechtenstein	<b>2 – 5</b>	98–00	–	<b>50–79</b>	
Luxembourg	80 – 100	02	–	50–79	
Macedonia	(5,000 – 20,000)	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	
Moldova	8,500 – 10,000	90–00	0	<b>0–19</b>	
Netherlands	<b>50,000 – 60,000</b>	98–00	–	<b>32</b>	1
Norway	(500 – 1,000)	90–03	(0)	(0–19)	
Poland	150,000 – 200,000	00–02	–	<b>30–39</b>	23,109
Portugal	Present	02	?	–	
Romania	(200,000 – 300,000)	00–02	(0)	(0–19)	22
Russia	20,000 – 30,000	90–00	(F)	(20–29)	97,169
Serbia & MN	200,000 – 250,000	90–02	(F)	(30–49)	1,138,67a,172a,227,155
Slovakia	20,000 – 40,000	90–99	0	0–19	
Slovenia	4,000 – 5,000	94	(0)	(0–19)	
Spain	(250 – 1,000)	98–02	(0)	(0–19)	10
Sweden	40,000 – 50,000	99–00	–	<b>26</b>	
Switzerland	(100 – 500)	98–02	(–)	(>80)	
Turkey	(1,000 – 3,000)	01	(–)	(–)	
Ukraine	23,000 – 30,000	90–00	–	50–79	
UK	<b>1,800,000 – 1,900,000</b>	00	+	<b>10</b>	5
<b>Total (approx.)</b>	<b>3,400,000 – 4,700,000</b>	<b>Overall trend Unknown</b>			
<b>Breeding range</b>	<b>&gt;4,000,000 km<sup>2</sup></b>	<b>Gen. length. &lt;3.3 % Global pop. 5–24</b>			
		<b>(See p. 99, bottom, for data quality graph)</b>			