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Apus pallidus

Annex I No International action plan No

Pallid Swift, *Apus pallidus*, is a species of swift found in unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land and urban ecosystems. It is a widespread but patchily distributed summer visitor to much of southern Europe. The species is typically associated with coastal sites, especially islets. It is typically found around cliff-faces and gorges, though in many parts of range also in urban areas, where it commonly breeds. It forages over many habitats (European Red List 2015).

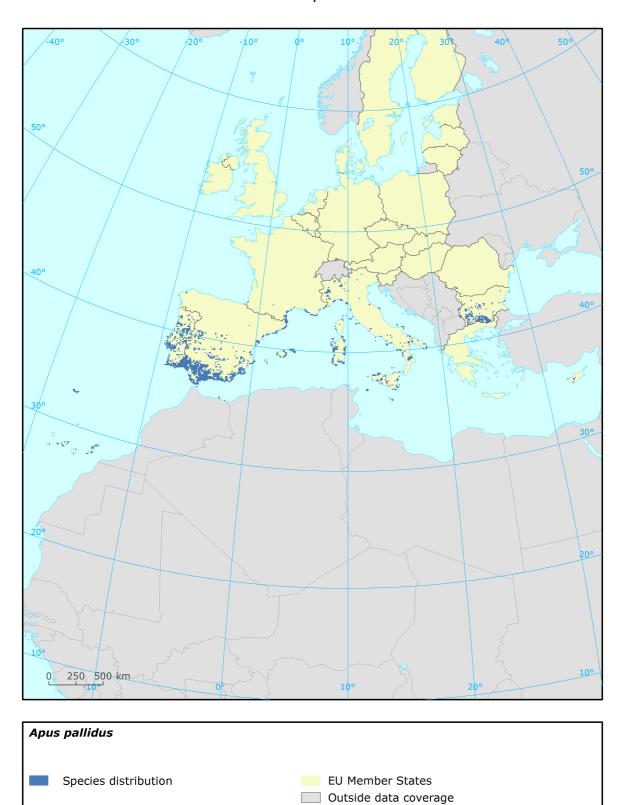
Apus pallidus has a breeding population size of 54400-80000 pairs and a breeding range size of 367000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Stable in the short term and Unknown in the long term.

The EU population status of *Apus pallidus* was assessed as Secure, because the species does not meet any of the IUCN Red List criteria for threatened or Near Threatened, or the criteria for Depleted or Declining (the EU27 population or range has not declined by 20% or more since 1980).

Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_ Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term	status
54400 - 80000 p	0	X	367000						Secure

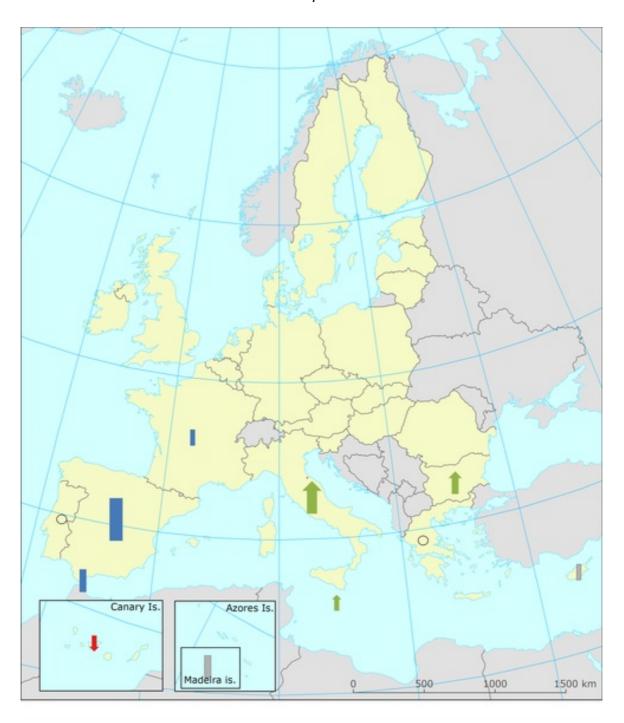
See the endnotes for more informationⁱ

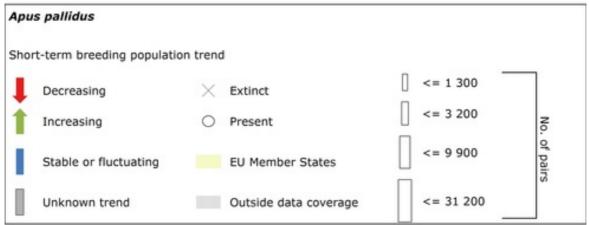


Trends at the Member State level

	% in	Breeding	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend	
	EU27	population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term
BG	10.3	2000 - 5000 p	+	+	42800	+	+			
CY	0.4	200 - 1000 p	X	X	1100	X	-			
ES	47.3	31159 - p	0	X	153452	0	X			
ESIC	1.8	50 - 250 p	-	-	3925	-				
FR	3.1	1000 - 1500 p	F	X	9800	X	+			
GIB	0.2	2000 - 2000 p	0	-	4	0	0			
GR										
IT	18.5	7000 - 14000 p	+	+	80800	+	+			
MT	0.3	15 - 15 p	+	+	9	+	+			
PT	17.4		0	+	74500	0	X			
PTMA	0.7	1000 - 5000 p	X	X	1600	0	X			

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Report under the Article 12 of the Birds Directive

Short-term winter population trend was not reported for this species.

This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 12 of the Birds Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2008-2012. More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at: http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A227.

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¹ Assessment of status at the European level: The EU assessments of birds population status was made by the European Red List of Birds Consortium (under contract with the European Commission)

The EU27 population trends were assessed using these categories: '+' Increasing, '0' Stable, 'F' Fluctuating, '-' Decreasing, 'xu' Uncertain and 'x' Unknown. The breeding population size is estimated in majority of the cases as 'p' number of pairs. Alternative population units used are: 'males' number of males, 'i' number of individuals, 'cmales' number of calling males and 'bfem' number of breeding females. The winter population size is estimated as number of individuals.

ⁱⁱSpecies trends at the Member State level: The percentage of the EU27 species population occurring in the Member States (% in EU27) is calculated based on the population size reported by the Member States.