



## *Buteo lagopus*

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Rough-legged Buzzard, *Buteo lagopus*, is a species of day-flying bird of prey found in cropland, grassland, heathland and shrub, woodland and forest and unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land ecosystems. It is a widespread breeder in Fennoscandia and northern Russia. This species is typically found in tundra, mainly treeless, although also wooded tundra and even extreme northern taiga, particularly in years of lemming and vole abundance. In the winter, it is often in areas more modified by humans, such as pastures, hayfields and croplands, but still mainly in open terrain such as prairies, marshes and shrublands (European Red List 2015).

*Buteo lagopus* has a breeding population size of 2200-9200 pairs and a breeding range size of 323000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Stable in the short term and Decreasing in the long term.

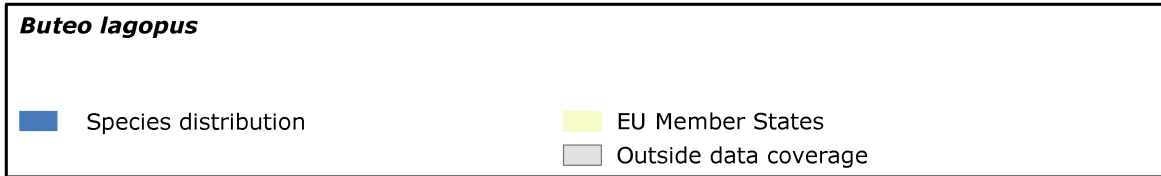
The EU population status of *Buteo lagopus* was assessed as Threatened, as the species meets one or more of the IUCN Red List criteria for threatened at the EU27 scale.

## Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend		Population status
	Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term	
2200 - 9200 p	0	-	323000						Threatened

See the endnotes for more information<sup>i</sup>

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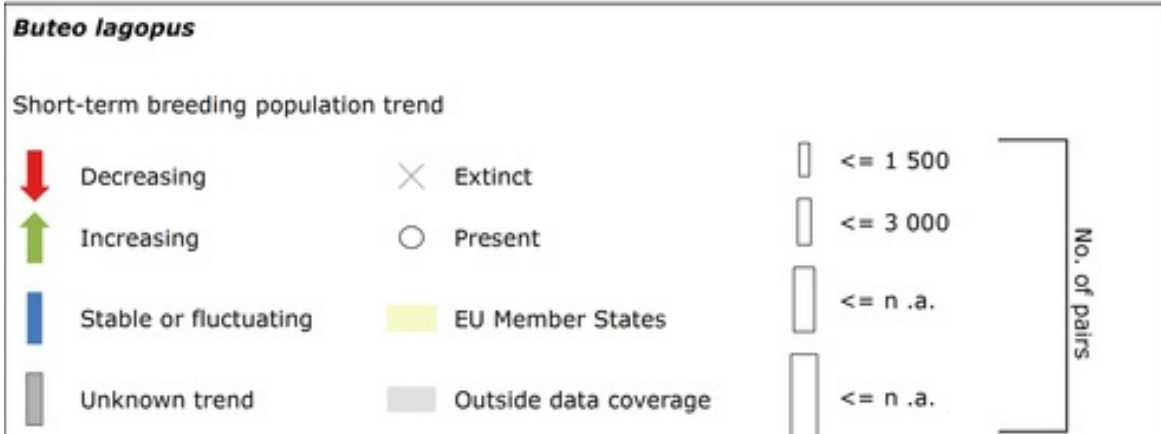
## Trends at the Member State level

MS/Ter.	% in EU27	Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range area	Breeding range trend		Winter population size	Winter population trend	
			Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term		Short term	Long term
FI	33.2	500 - 4000 p	F	-	106500	x	-			
HU								300 - 500 i	F	F
PL									x	x
SE	66.8	1700 - 5200 p	0	-	217000	0	x			

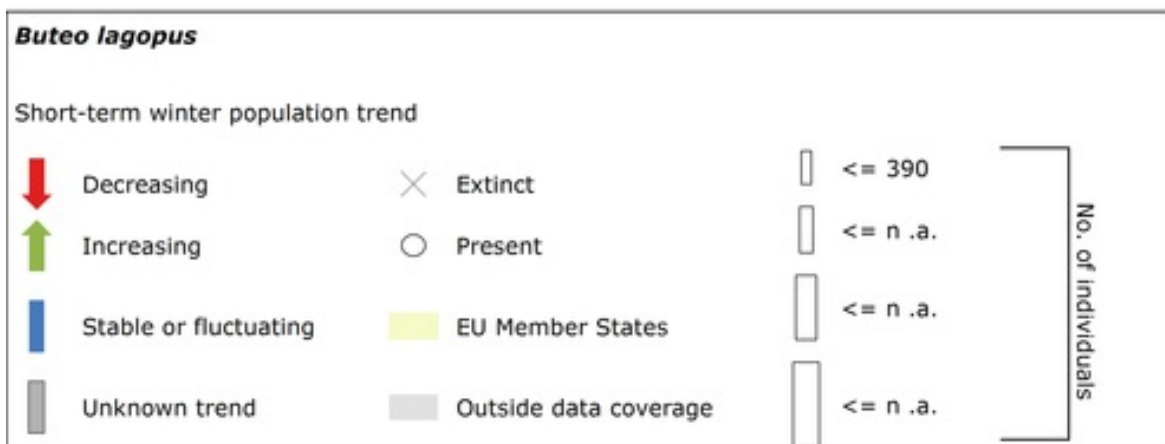
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This information is derived from the Member State national reports submitted to the European Commission under Article 12 of the Birds Directive in 2013 and covering the period 2008-2012.

More detailed information, including the MS reports, is available at:

<http://bd.eionet.europa.eu/article12/summary?period=1&subject=A088> .

<sup>i</sup> **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.

<sup>ii</sup> **Species 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.