

# *Limosa limosa*

## BLACK-TAILED GODWIT



**SPEC 2** (1994: 2) **Status** Vulnerable

**Criteria** See IUCN below

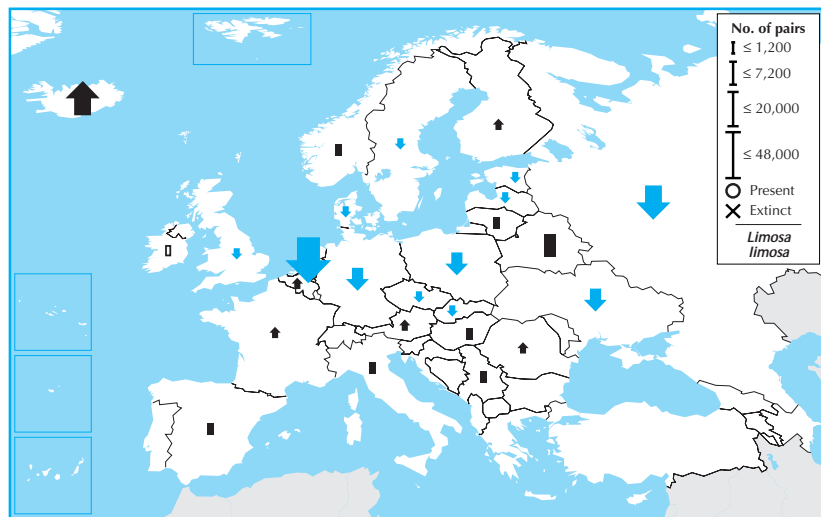
**European IUCN Red List Category** VU

**Criteria** A2b

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*Limosa limosa* is a widespread but patchily distributed breeder in eastern and parts of north-west Europe, which holds more than half of its global breeding population. Its European breeding population is relatively large (>99,000 pairs), but underwent a large decline between 1970–1990. Although the species was stable or increased in several countries—notably Iceland—during 1990–2000, key populations in the Netherlands and Russia continued to decline, and the species underwent a large decline (>30%) overall. Consequently, it is evaluated as Vulnerable.



Country	Breeding pop. size (pairs)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Austria	100 – 160	98-02	+	30-49	
Belarus	6,000 – 8,500	97-00	0	0-19	
Belgium	1,100 – 1,300	00-02	+	0-19	1
Czech Rep.	10 – 20	00	–	50-79	
Denmark	700 – 725	00-02	–	20-29	21
Estonia	500 – 1,000	98	–	20-29	1
Finland	40 – 60	98-02	+	60	
France	160 – 170	97-00	+	10-19	4
Germany	6,000 – 7,300	95-99	–	50-79	
Hungary	400 – 1,500	95-02	F	20-49	
Iceland	15,000 – 25,000	99-01	+	0-19	41
Rep. Ireland	1 – 1	88-91	?	–	
Italy	10 – 12	00	0	0-19	18
Latvia	80 – 100	90-00	–	20-29	23,16
Lithuania	300 – 450	99-01	F	30-49	20
Netherlands	45,000 – 50,000	98-00	–	27	1,2
Norway	40 – 100	90-03	(0)	(0-19)	
Poland	5,000 – 6,000	95-00	–	0-19	52
Romania	60 – 80	90-02	+	0-19	53
Russia	13,000 – 30,000	90-00	–	20-29	28,29,60
Serbia & MN	20 – 40	90-02	0	0-19	1,29,77a,155,13,204
Slovakia	5 – 40	80-99	–	50-79	
Spain	4 – 4	98-02	(F)	(–)	16,10,6
Sweden	100 – 250	99-00	–	10-19	
Ukraine	5,000 – 9,000	90-00	–	30-49	
UK	40 – 48	96-00	–	19	

<b>Total (approx.) Breeding range</b>	99,000 – 140,000 >2,000,000 km <sup>2</sup>	<b>Overall trend</b> Large decline
		<b>Gen. length 5</b> % Global pop. 50-74 (See p. 125, top, for data quality graph)

Country	Winter pop. size (individuals)	Year(s)	Trend	Mag.%	References
Azerbaijan	1,000 – 1,500	96-02	0	0-19	
Croatia	(1,500 – 2,000)	02	?	–	16
France	11,000 – 17,500	98-02	+	50-79	9
Rep. Ireland	10,000 – 11,000	94-00	+	0-19	
Netherlands	260 – 260	99-01	(F)	(–)	3,4,8,9,11,12
Portugal	13,000 – 39,000	95-00	(F)	(–)	19,20,21
Spain	11,000 – 61,000	90-01	–	30-49	19
Turkey	1,000 – 1,500	91-01	0	0-19	
UK	15,400 – 15,400	94-99	+	89	44,52

<b>Total (approx.) % in European IBAs</b>	>64,000 >90	<b>Overall trend</b> Small decline
		<b>Gen. length 5</b> % Global pop. 5-24