

# **Tarsiger cyanurus -- (Pallas, 1773)**

ANIMALIA -- CHORDATA -- AVES -- PASSERIFORMES -- MUSCICAPIDAE

**Common names:** Orange-flanked Bush-robin; Red-flanked Bluetail

## **European Red List Assessment**

### **European Red List Status**

LC -- Least Concern, (IUCN version 3.1)

### **Assessment Information**

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### **Assessment Rationale**

**European regional assessment: Least Concern (LC)**

**EU27 regional assessment: Least Concern (LC<sup>oo</sup>)**

In Europe this species has a very large range, and hence does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the range size criterion (Extent of Occurrence 10% in ten years or three generations, or with a specified population structure). The population trend appears to be increasing, and hence the species does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population trend criterion (30% decline over ten years or three generations). For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern in Europe.

The species extends into the EU27 only in small numbers in Finland and Sweden. The population size within the EU27 meets the threshold for Vulnerable, but given the increasing population within the region and the large, increasing neighbouring population there is significant potential for rescue from outside the region and the final category is downlisted by two categories to Least Concern (LC<sup>oo</sup>) in the EU27.

## **Occurrence**

### **Countries/Territories of Occurrence**

#### **Native:**

Estonia; Finland; Russian Federation

#### **Vagrant:**

Bulgaria; Denmark; France; Germany; Slovenia; Sweden; United Kingdom

## **Population**

The European population is estimated at 20,200-56,500 pairs, which equates to 40,300-113,000 mature individuals. The population in the EU27 is estimated at 150-6,500 pairs, which equates to 300-13,000 mature individuals. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

## **Trend**

In Europe and the EU27 the population size is estimated to be increasing. For details of national estimates, see [Supplementary PDF](#).

## **Habitats and Ecology**

This species breeds in Siberian taiga forest, with a preference for old-growth mossy moist spruce (*Picea*) tracts with fallen trees and sparse undergrowth, often on hilly slopes, but also pine (*Pinus*) and mixed forests with birch (*Betula*) and rhododendron. In Russia, breeding occurs from May to August and it lays three to seven eggs. The nest is a cup of grass, moss, ferns, twigs and roots, which is lined with hair, feathers, fine grass and sometimes pine needles. It is set in the hollow of a tree, among tree roots, under a rotten log or in a hole in a bank or steep slope. The diet is not well studied but is thought to be mostly invertebrates, especially insects as well as fruits and seeds when it is not breeding. In Europe the species is a long-distance migrant (Collar and de Juana 2013).

<b>Habitats &amp; Altitude</b>		
Habitat (level 1 - level 2)	Importance	Occurrence
Forest - Boreal	major	breeding
Forest - Temperate	suitable	breeding
Altitude	Occasional altitudinal limits	

### **Threats**

There are not thought to be any current significant threats to this species.

<b>Threats &amp; Impacts</b>		
Threat (level 1)	Threat (level 2)	Impact and Stresses

### **Conservation**

#### **Conservation Actions Underway**

CMS Appendix II. Bern Convention Appendix II. There are currently no known conservation measures for this species.

#### **Conservation Actions Proposed**

No conservation measures are currently needed for this species.

### **Bibliography**

Collar, N. and de Juana, E. 2014. Orange-flanked Bush-robin (*Tarsiger cyanurus*). In: del Hoyo, J., Elliott, A., Sargatal, J., Christie, D.A. and de Juana, E. (eds.) 2014. *Handbook of the Birds of the World Alive*. Lynx Edicions, Barcelona. (retrieved from <http://www.hbw.com/node/58468> on 30 March 2015).

### **Map (see overleaf)**

# European Regional Assessment



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### Range

■ Extant (breeding)

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