

Appendix 6-11 SPECIES LEGAL AND CONSERVATION STATUS, AND POPULATION TRENDS

Table 6.11.1: Additional Information for Bird Species to Support Evaluation of Species Importance

Common Name	Listed under Annex I of EU Birds Directives	BoCCI4 Status	BoCCI4 Qualifying Criteria	Population Trend for Relevant Population
Black-headed gull	No	Amber	Moderate breeding range decline over shorter and longer time periods of -58% and -55%, respectively Localised breeding populations	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Common kestrel	No	Red	Severe breeding population decline over shorter time period of -53%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Common snipe	No	Red	Severe breeding population decline over shorter and longer time periods of -50% and -78%, respectively	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Common swift	No	Red	Severe breeding population decline over shorter time period of -56%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Eurasian woodcock	No	Red	Severe breeding range decline over longer time period of -73%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
European golden plover	Yes	Red	Severe breeding population decline over longer time period of -84%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria for breeding population; decrease (12.3%) over last five years (Burke et al., 2025)



Common Name	Listed under Annex I of EU Birds Directives	BoCCI4 Status	BoCCI4 Qualifying Criteria	Population Trend for Relevant Population
				for non-breeding population
Golden eagle	Yes	Red	Historical decline in breeding population	Increase (233%) 2012-2018 and also 1980-2018 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Great cormorant	No	Amber	Localised breeding populations	Increase 2012-2018 and also 1980-2018 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Grey wagtail	No	Red	Severe breeding population decline over shorter time period of -50%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Hen harrier	Yes	Amber	SPEC3: unfavourable conservation status in Europe, with global population concentrated outside of Europe Moderate breeding population decline over longer time period of -29%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Herring gull	No	Amber	SPEC2: unfavourable conservation status in Europe, with global population concentrated inside of Europe Moderate breeding population decline of -29% and -50% over	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria



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			shorter and longer time periods, respectively	
Lesser black-backed gull	No	Amber	Localised breeding populations	Increase 2012-2018 and also 1980-2018 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Little egret	Yes	Green	N/A	Increase 2012-2018 and also 1980-2018 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Mallard	No	Amber	Moderate non-breeding population decline over shorter time period of -41%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Meadow pipit	No	Red	SPEC1: global conservation concern	Decline of 12.4% 2006-2016 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Merlin	Yes	Amber	Moderate breeding range decline over longer time period of -40%	See BoCCI4 qualifying criteria
Red grouse	No	Red	Severe breeding population decline over longer time period of >50%	Decline (no magnitude given) 2000-2008 and 1980-2008 (European Environment Agency, n.d.)
Redwing	No	Red	SPEC1: global conservation concern	No information available



Common Name	Listed under Annex I of EU Birds Directives	BoCCI4 Status	BoCCI4 Qualifying Criteria	Population Trend for Relevant Population
White-tailed eagle	Yes	Red	Historical decline in breeding population	Increase (100%) 2012-2018 and 1980-2018
Whooper swan	Yes	Amber	A population of fewer than 100 breeding pairs in Ireland Localised non-breeding populations Internationally important non-breeding population in Ireland	Increase (24.9%) 2015-2020 (Burke et al., 2021)





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