

# State of common European breeding birds 2019

*Contrasting regional trends in Common Starling: are land-use and agricultural change responsible?*



**170**  
species

**28**  
countries

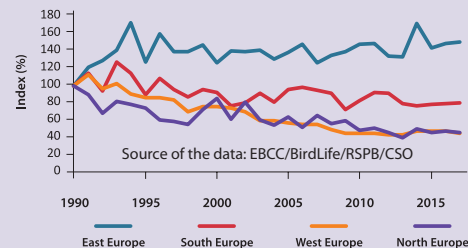
**38**  
years  
(1980–2017)

Pan-European Common Bird Monitoring Scheme (PECBMS)

[www.pecbms.info](http://www.pecbms.info)

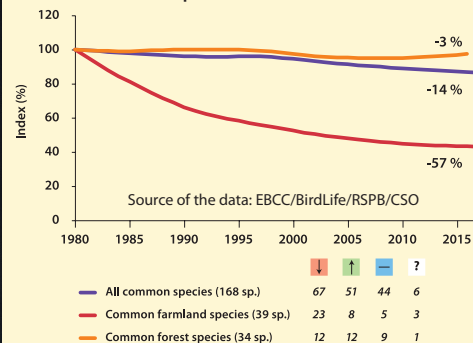
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Regional trends of the Common Starling in Europe



A recently published paper (Heldbjerg *et al.* 2019) suggests that agricultural practices, particularly change in livestock management, may be behind the contrasting regional trends of the Common Starling. However, further analyses using demographic data, improved land-use data and agricultural statistics will help identify the causes more clearly.

European wild bird indicators



The numbers in italics show the numbers of species in each indicator which are moderately or steeply declining ↓, moderately or strongly increasing ↑, stable ↔ and uncertain ?.

