# **European Environment Agency** *European Topic Centre on Biological Diversity*



### Branta canadensis

Annex I No International action plan No

Canada Goose, *Branta canadensis*, is a species of goose found in wetland, unvegetated or sparsely vegetated land and river and lake ecosystems. It has a predominantly North American breeding distribution, which just extends into Europe in western Greenland, but it has been introduced in parts of Western and Northern Europe. This species occurs in a wide diversity of habitats, from tundra to semi-desert and in wooded or open country and is frequently found in agricultural or urban areas in Europe although almost always found near water (European Red List 2015).

*Branta canadensis* has a breeding population size of 35400-51600 pairs and a breeding range size of 914000 square kilometres in the EU27. The breeding population trend in the EU27 is Increasing in the short term and Increasing in the long term. The EU population status of this species was not assessed because it is non-native in the EU27.

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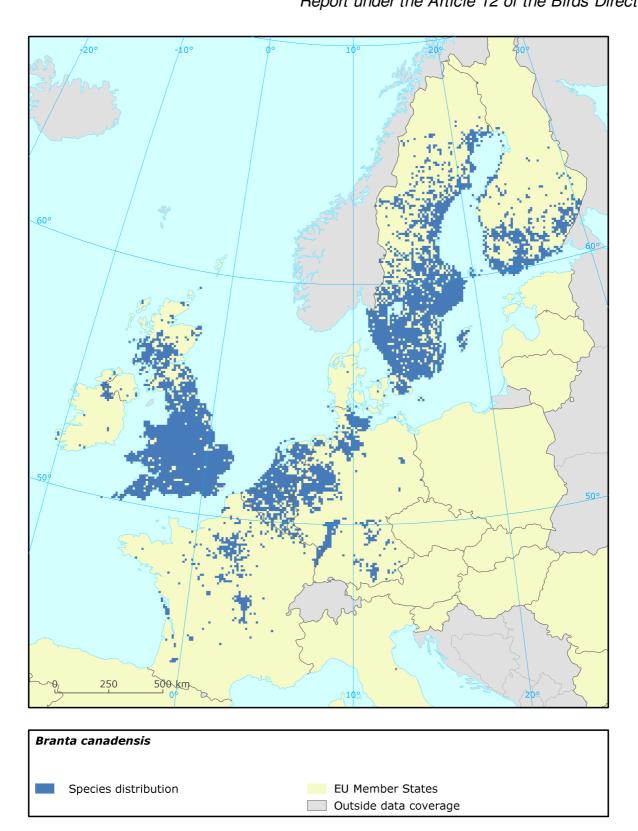
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## Assessment of status at the European level

Breeding population size	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter	Winter population trend		_ Population
	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	population size	Short term	Long term	status

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

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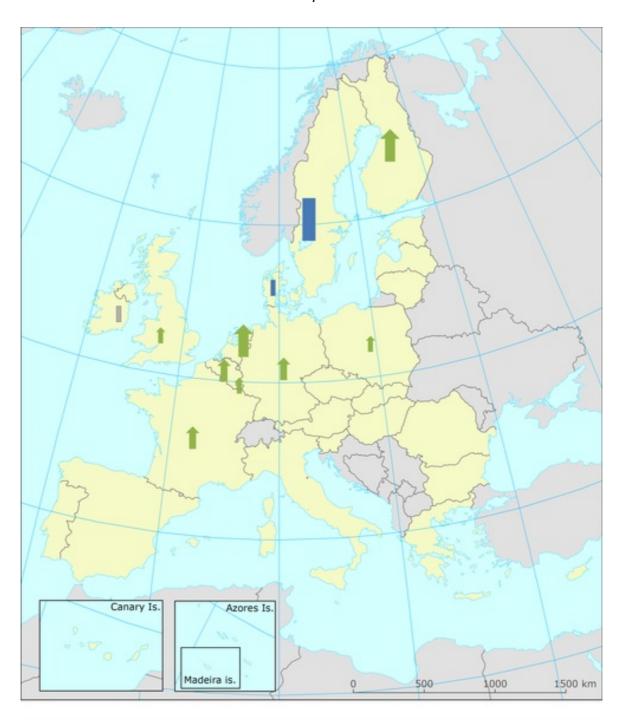


### Trends at the Member State level

	% in	Breeding	Breeding population trend		Range	Breeding range trend		Winter population	Winter population trend	
	EU27	population size	Short term	Long term	area	Short term	Long term	size	Short term	Long term
BE	3.3	3000 - 3000 p	+	+	23474	0	X			
DE	10.4	3600 - 5000 p	+	+	87739	+	+			
DK	0.2	25 - p	0	0	1551	-	+			
FI	9.5	7000 - 8000 p	+	+	136600	х	+			
FR	6.0	2500 - 3000 p	+	+	91300	+	+			
ΙE	0.5	82 - p	X	+	4200	+	+			
LU	0.2	10 - 15 p	+	+	1949	+	+			
NL	5.0	5200 - 10400 p	+	+	40263	+	+			
PL		1 - 3 p	+	X		X	X			
SE	34.4	13000 - 21000 p	0	+	347100	0	x			
UK	30.7	1000 - 1000 p	+	+	179900	+	+			

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Short-term winter population trend was not reported for this species.

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=A044-X .

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<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.