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1400 Little Owl

Athene noctua

IUCN Status Least Concern
IUCN (2019-2)

male mass = g
female mass = 150 g
mean mass = g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 3.4 km²

from Newton (1979) figure 10: $area\ km^2 = 0.4 + (0.02 * female\ mass\ g)$
replaced by direct measurement of field density where we have data

this figure is used for estimating density of breeding individuals and offspring in good habitat
we assume twice the area requirement in suboptimal habitat
and half the area requirement in optimal habitat
breeding population estimates represent theoretical maxima where habitat is saturated
nest-site limitation and the floating / non-breeding population are not yet fully accounted for

HABITAT SPACE ANALYSIS

	extent (km ²)	individuals	pairs
suboptimal 25-50% suitable	769994		
good habitat 50-70% suitable	284920		
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	209050		
total habitat 25-100% suitable	1263964		

reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : birds per 100 km
2015 (87188 km) : birds per 100 km
2016 (81150 km) : birds per 100 km
2017 (57721 km) : birds per 100 km
2018 (19798 km) : birds per 100 km

