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780 Little Sparrowhawk

Accipiter minullus

IUCN Status Least Concern
IUCN (2019-2)

male mass = 80 g
female mass = 100 g
mean mass = 90 g

area requirement (of pair/2.2 individuals) = 2.4 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	3404399	1560350	709250
good habitat 50-70% suitable	1048547	961168	436895
optimal habitat 70-100% suitable	160272	293832	133560
total habitat 25-100% suitable	4613218	2815350	1055756

reporting rate from mobile app survey data

2014 (26724 km) : 0.05613 birds per 100 km
2015 (87188 km) : 0.006882 birds per 100 km
2016 (81150 km) : 0.055453 birds per 100 km
2017 (57721 km) : 0.079694 birds per 100 km
2018 (19798 km) : 0.121227 birds per 100 km

