

Conservation of the European roller



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- ▶ The roller is a bit smaller than a pigeon, a very colourful bird. It is strictly protected in Hungary

It can often be seen in open habitats sitting on elevated outlook posts, scanning the environment for prey. Exclusively feeds on animals: mainly larger insects: beetles and grasshoppers.

The roller is a nesting species of forested steppes of the European and Asian temperate areas. Eggs are placed into the hollows of trees, and the Roller accepts artificial nestboxes. Stays in Hungary from the end of April till September, and spends the winter in Africa.

It bred widely in Hungary till the 1950-es, but disappeared by now from most of the Trans Danubian part. The approximately 1000 pairs breeding on the Eastern part of the country form an important part of the European stock of the species.

The species listed as a near threatened bird on the Red List. The European Union supports the protection of this species through financing the LIFE+ Nature Fund (LIFE13/NAT/HU/000081).

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