

Preliminary report on overwintering Great Bustards in China from 2022 to 2023

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Abstract: The Great Bustard is a wild animal under first-class national protection in China and an endangered species in the world. There are two subspecies of the Great Bustard, one the oriental subspecies distributed in Northeast Asia, and the other the nominate subspecies distributed in Central Asia, Europe and Africa. In addition to the different distribution areas, the two subspecies have some differences, but the number of nominate subspecies is still considerable. It is optimistically estimated that the current population of the oriental subspecies is less than 2000, which is already in a critical situation. Based on preliminary incomplete statistics such as survey data and literature review, about 932 Great Bustards of the oriental subspecies wild populations overwintered in China from 2022 to 2023. Finally, through the analysis of data and protection status, it is suggested that the Great Bustard be upgraded in IUCN Red List of Threatened Species.


Key words: Great Bustard, wild animals under first-class national protection, endangered species, IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

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APPENDIX	COUNTRY	DATE	NOTES
II		22/10/1987	Included in Otidae spp. [FAMILY listing Otidae spp.]
II		01/07/1975	

Source: Species+






Great Bustard

Otis tarda

ABSTRACT
Great Bustard *Otis tarda* has most recently been assessed for *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* in 2017. *Otis tarda* is listed as Vulnerable under criteria A3cd+4cd.

THE RED LIST ASSESSMENT

► BirdLife International. 2017. *Otis tarda*. *The IUCN Red List of Threatened Species* 2017: e.T22691900A119044104. [http...](#)



Source: IUCN Red List of Threatened Species

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I	08/02/2015	
II	24/01/1986	
I	01/01/1994	Middle-European population.

Source: Species+



