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Taiga Bean Goose	Winter counts	Methodology	12052022

### Winter Counts

January population estimates for the Central MU consist of counts from Sweden, the Netherlands and Denmark. Geese from the Central MU also winter in north-eastern Germany, depending on the severity of winter weather. However, no census data were received from Germany, so it has not been possible to obtain population estimates from Germany.

In Sweden, the Bean Goose counts are part of the contribution to international counts coordinated by Wetlands International, which are performed throughout the winter. In Sweden, the central counting areas are divided into south-west Scania, north-east Scania and north of Scania. In south-west Scania, Bean Geese have always been separated into sub-species, whereas in northeast Scania and north of Scania the observers have only recently (since 2014) been trained and asked to record numbers on the basis of this distinction. All birds in Sweden are regarded as Central MU birds.

In the Netherlands, the national goose counts, including those for Bean Geese, are part of a national governmental surveillance scheme, which includes monthly counts from September to May. They contribute to the international counts coordinated by Wetlands International. Specifically, for Taiga Bean Goose, also casual observations from the portal [www.waarneming.nl](http://www.waarneming.nl) have been checked. All birds in the Netherlands are regarded as Central MU birds.

In Denmark, Bean Geese are counted in January as part of the mid-winter counts of waterbirds contributing to the international mid-winter counts, organised by Wetlands International. In addition to this, data are extracted from the bird records portal DOFbasen at [www.dofbasen.dk](http://www.dofbasen.dk). With the exception of the area northwest of Limfjorden in Jutland, which is part of Western MU, birds counted in the rest of Denmark (incl. Vendsyssel, Himmerland and further south and east) are regarded as Central MU birds.