

PREVENTING EXTINCTIONS

Cherry-throated Tanager *Nemosia rourei*



Cherry-throated Tanager is one of Brazil's most enigmatic birds (© Andre de Luca).

Background

The striking Cherry-throated Tanager is only known to occur at two Brazilian localities: Fazenda Pindobas IV in Espírito Santo, and the Mata do Caetés area in Vargem Alta Municipality. It is historically known from elsewhere but seems to have always been incredibly scarce, with only two definite records before its rediscovery in 1998. Since then it has been regularly recorded in small numbers at its known sites. It remains so rare that over the course of a year recently dedicated to studying its ecology, only 11 individuals were seen.

The species is dependent on montane forest and must have been negatively affected by local deforestation. One of its historical localities no longer contains suitable habitat.

Actions being implemented

1. The Species Guardian, in collaboration with the Prof. Mello Leitão Biology Museum of Santa Teresa, has carried out biological and socioeconomic surveys, which will be used to prepare a justification for creating a **state protected area** for the species. Caetés has been prioritised by the state as a candidate protected area.
2. A **workshop** was conducted with Atlantic Forest Biosphere Reserve State Committee and the State Protected Areas Agency for preliminary discussions on protected area creation. Another planned meeting will decide on the provisional boundaries in the reserve, which will be included in the final proposal.

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