

PREVENTING EXTINCTIONS

Grey-breasted Parakeet *Pyrrhura griseipectus*



Grey-breasted Parakeet is one of Brazil's 22 Critically Endangered birds (© www.birdlife.org).



Background

Known historically from four areas in north-eastern Brazil, Grey-breasted Parakeet is now thought to be limited to just one of these: the Serra do Baturité in Ceará. Even within this area it has a fragmented range and its population is not thought to number more than 100 birds. It has not been seen elsewhere since the 1980s.

Its ecology dictates its fragmented distribution, as it requires high altitude forest with four times as much rainfall as surrounding lowlands. Small populations are thus separated on mountain "islands", which have suffered deforestation: at least a contributory factor in the species's decline. Probably more detrimental though has been illegal trapping for the cage bird trade.

Actions being implemented

1. An **educational documentary** has been produced, which has been distributed to local schools and will be presented at a national film festival. The film aims to show the detrimental impact of the cage bird trade to wild populations and ecosystems.
2. A **Conservation Action Plan** is being prepared, which will involve key stakeholders and detail the necessary actions for species preservation. The developers see the Grey-breasted Parakeet as an important flagship for biodiversity conservation in the Baturité Mountains.



The site of a small, recently-discovered Grey-breasted Parakeet population (© www.birdlife.org).

Supported by

