

**PREVENTING EXTINCTIONS**

**Munchique Wood-wren**  
*Henicorhina negreti*



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**Background**

The Munchique Wood-wren is known from two protected areas in the western Andes in Colombia: Munchique National Natural Park (where forest clearance still occurs) and Mirabilis-Swarovski Bird Reserve on Cerro Munchique, which encompasses the majority of the species's range and was formerly threatened by forest clearance but was purchased in 2004 by Fundación ProAves with the support of the American Bird Conservancy and Swarovski Optik. It appears to have very specific habitat requirements, being restricted to the Pacific slope of the very peaks of the highest mountains/ridges on the Western Cordillera, and occurring in extremely wet, stunted cloud forest between 2,250 m and 2,640 m. It appears to prefer naturally disturbed forest with patchy successional habitat on steep slopes, typically preferring an extremely dense understory smothered in epiphytes at forest borders, landslides and along stream gullies. The total global population is estimated to lie in the range 250-999 individuals.

**Actions being implemented (?) and Recommendations**

1. Continue monitoring existing populations and survey new areas for additional subpopulations.
2. Lobby the government to adequately protect known sites, which support this and other Globally Threatened species, by directing resources more effectively.
3. Support local organizations seeking to protect key sites.

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