

MOUNTAIN GRACKLE

(*Macroagelaius subalaris*)

IUCN Red List: **Endangered**

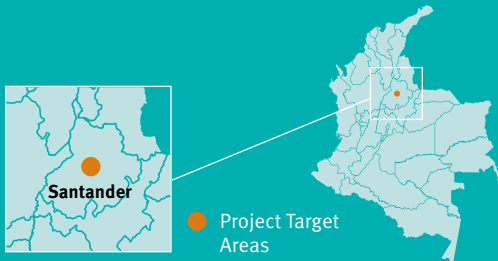
Current Population Trend: **Decreasing**

Estimated Number of Mature Individuals:
600 to 1,700 mature individuals

Protected status in Colombia: **Yes**



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Status of Mountain grackle in Colombia

The Colombian Mountain grackle, categorized as Endangered on the IUCN Red List, is limited to a small range along the western slope of Colombia's East Andes and depends on oak forest habitats (particularly *Quercus humboldtii* oak trees) that are severely fragmented and declining in area.

Extensive logging, mining, and conversion of forests for agriculture over the past few centuries have resulted in significant habitat loss, causing the bird's population to decline. Currently, it is thought that approximately 800 individuals reside in the Yariquíes mountains, holding the core population of the species.

Conservation Project Objectives

To save this rare grackle from extinction, Fundación ProAves seeks to implement an innovative project that will commence with comprehensive research to gather necessary biological data about the species, including the abundance of population densities at key sites. This information will be analysed and presented to stakeholders and experts, who will collaborate to develop a conservation action plan for the species, which will be implemented by ProAves.

In addition to establishing new protected areas and restoring habitat, ProAves will launch an educational campaign to raise awareness about the grackle among the community within the species' range. Through this multi-faceted project, we seek to expand the grackle's protected habitat and reverse its population trend from decreasing to increasing, so that its Red List status can be downgraded from Endangered.

Conservation Partner:

