

LYNCH'S COLOMBIAN TREEFROG

(Hyloscirtus lynchi)

IUCN Red List: **Critically Endangered**

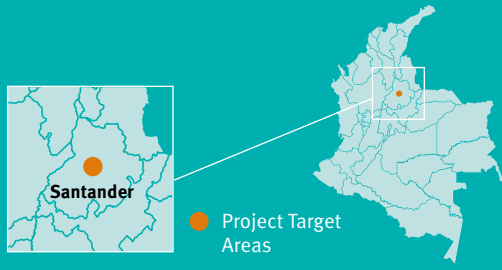
Current Population Trend: **Decreasing**

Estimated Number of Mature Individuals:
Less than 500, no records of it since 2010

Protected status in Colombia: **Yes**



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Status of Lynch's Colombian treefrog in Colombia

Lynch's Colombian treefrog, categorized as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List due to severe habitat loss and fragmentation, is limited to a small range (8 km²) on the Eastern Cordillera of the Colombian Andes in the department of Santander between 1,900–2,700 m asl. Habitat loss due to agriculture and cattle ranching, and predation by introduced trout are the major threats to this species.

At the type locality, habitat loss is also occurring due to the ongoing highway project. While the species was once common, it has not been recorded since 2010; consequently, very little is known about the species.

Conservation Project Objectives

While the species was once common, it has not been recorded since 2010; consequently, very little is known about the species. To save the treefrog 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 treefrog among the community within the species' range. Through this multi-faceted project, we seek to expand the species' protected habitat and reverse its population trend from decreasing to increasing, so that its Red List status ultimately can be downgraded from Critically Endangered.

Conservation Partner:

