



Wahnes's Parotia (*Parotia wahnesi*)

Size: Head and body length, 36 - 43 cm; wingspan, approx. 41 cm **Weight:** 144 - 172 g

Habitat: Mid-montane forest in a small section of the northern coastal mountain ranges of Papua New Guinea **Surviving number:** Estimated at 2,500 - 10,000



Photographed by Tim Laman

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All the world's a stage. The male Wahnes's parotia makes the most of his starring role as he performs his "ballerina dance" for an audience of females. This courtship display takes its name from the way he positions his flank plumes around his body, resembling a tutu. He simultaneously bows and fans his tail, steps side to side, shakes his feathers, and shakes his six wire-like head plumes in a flashing, iridescent spectacle. Females, meanwhile,

follow the action from a perch, sometimes fluttering or twitching their wings. But the world is getting smaller for this theatrical bird, as habitat loss steadily erodes its already limited territory.

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