



**Bogota Rail** (*Rallus semiplumbeus*)

**Size:** Head and body length, 25 - 30 cm **Weight:** 75 - 90 g **Habitat:** A small number of wetland and savanna areas of the Ubaté-Bogotá plateau, near Laguna de Tota, and some of the surrounding higher-altitude areas **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,000 - 2,500



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A world of water. Lakes and marsh wetlands are the ideal home for the Bogota rail, whose diet consists largely of aquatic invertebrates and insect larvae. This water-rich landscape is where it builds its elbow-shaped globular nests. And this is where monogamous couples put down roots and care for their chicks. The territorial bird will do what it can to defend its turf, but it is powerless to fight the immense habitat loss these precious wetlands have suffered.

Drainage, pollution, untreated sewage and siltation have all compromised vital lakes and wetlands, and predation by feral dogs adds to the bird's plight. Right now, the rail is in a world of trouble.

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