



Yellow-eared Parrot (*Ognorhynchus icterotis*)

Size: Head and body length, approx. 42 cm **Weight:** Approx. 285 g **Habitat:** Humid montane forest in the Andes of Colombia **Surviving number:** Estimated at 1,100



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A very particular parrot. The yellow-eared parrot roosts and nests in one place and one place alone: the wax palm tree. With the wax palm as its home base, the boldly beautiful bird ventures out to find fruit, bark and buds to eat. A male and female form a breeding pair while a third bird, called a brood-helper, often assists the couple in feeding and caring for their chicks—an unusual behavior among parrots. While populations had

dwindled to just 81 birds by 1998, this parrot has recovered to some extent since then. But with its only suitable habitat suffering severe fragmentation, it is still in particular danger.

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