# Birds at Risk

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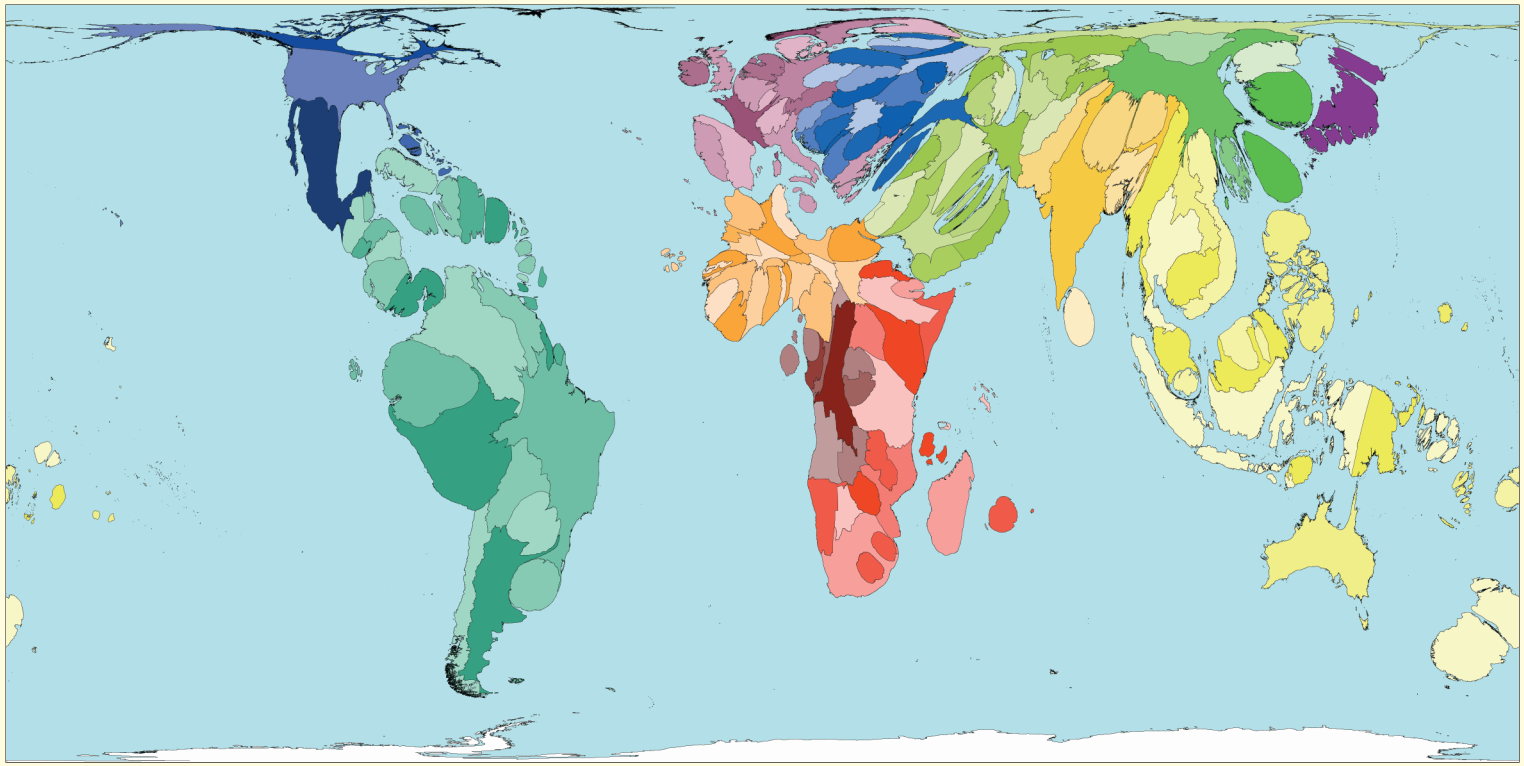
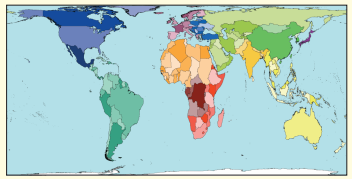


In total 9934 bird species were assessed for threatened species status by 2004; 1213 species were at risk of global extinction. In Indonesia 121 bird species were at risk of local extinction, in Brazil 120 species. In the average territory over 18 bird species were at risk of local extinction.

One of the threatened species shown here is the yellow-eared parrot, considered to be critically endangered. The threat to this species comes from the degradation and loss of its fragmented habitat. In 2004 these parrots were only known to live in the Central Andes of Colombia. The yellow-eared parrot has been considered to be at risk since as long ago as 1988.

Territory size shows the proportion of bird species assessed as locally at risk of extinction, found there.



*Land area*

**Technical notes**

- Data are from the International Union for Conservation of Nature and Natural Resources 2006 Red List of Threatened Species.
- *The denominator is per 1000 local plant and animal species assessed for threatened species criteria. No bird species recorded at risk of extinctin in 7 territories.
- See website for further information.

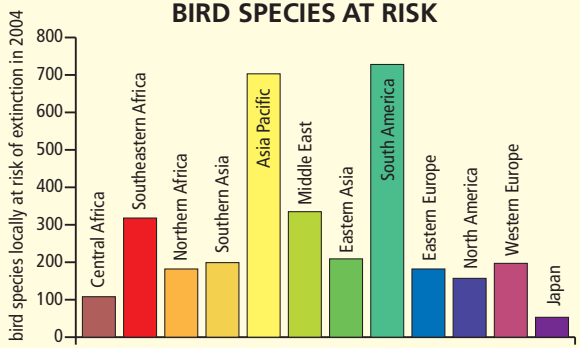
**MOST AND FEWER BIRD SPECIES AT RISK OF EXTINCTION**

| Rank | Territory | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Niue | 182 |
| 2 | Cook Islands | 172 |
| 3 | New Zealand | 138 |
| 4 | Gaza Strip & West Bank | 125 |
| 5 | Timor-Leste | 119 |
| 6 | Samoa | 77 |
| 7 | Nauru | 67 |
| 8 | Kiribati | 65 |
| 9 | Republic of Korea | 60 |
| 10 | Comoros | 54 |

| Rank | Territory | Value |
|---|---|---|
| 184 | Liechtenstein | 3.3 |
| 185 | Burkina Faso | 3.2 |
| 186 | Niger | 3.1 |
| 187 | Trinidad & Tobago | 3.0 |
| 188 | Central African Republic | 3.0 |
| 189 | Gambia | 2.8 |
| 190 | Benin | 2.8 |
| 191 | Togo | 2.5 |
| 192 | Guyana | 2.5 |
| 193 | Guinea-Bissau | 1.6 |

*bird species assessed as locally threatened per 1000 of all species assessed, in 2004**

**BIRD SPECIES AT RISK**




*"... species such as the house sparrow, snipe, starling, lapwing and corn bunting have been listed as birds of European concern, but these species have been declining in the United Kingdom's countryside for decades."* Mark Avery, 2004

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