

# Black-capped Conure

*Pyrrhura rupicola*



The Black-capped Conure is one of the smaller members of the Conure family and is found in lowland forest and forest edges in Peru, Brazil and Bolivia.

Although one of the more common Conure species, there is not a lot known about their habits and breeding cycles in the wild. They are considered a “Restricted Range” species by Birdlife as they have a very limited area they are found in. In captivity they are known to breed with the very common Green-cheeked Conure although in the wild they are not found in the same areas.

They spend their lives in the canopy of the forest and as a result their nests are very difficult to gain access to which has helped to a large degree keep them safe from large-scale exploitation for the pet trade. They are found in pairs or small family groups during the breeding season and also in flocks of up to 30 individuals in areas where there is abundant food.



**Lifespan:** 30 Years

**Weight:** 75g

**Size:** 25 cm

**Breeding Season:** Sep - Dec

**Incubation Period:** 24 - 25 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 1 - 7

**Diet:** Seeds, Berries, Fruits, Cultivated Crops

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade.

**Conservation Status:** Near Threatened - CITES App. 2

**Special:** A Birdlife “Restricted Range” species