

# Green-cheeked Conure

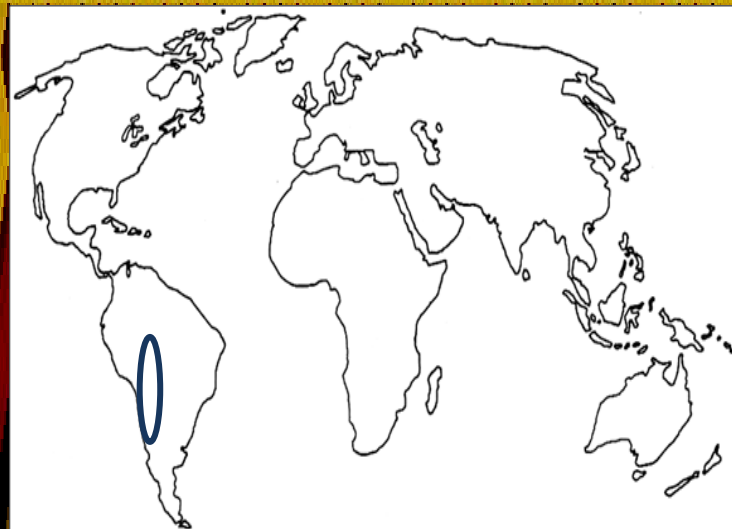
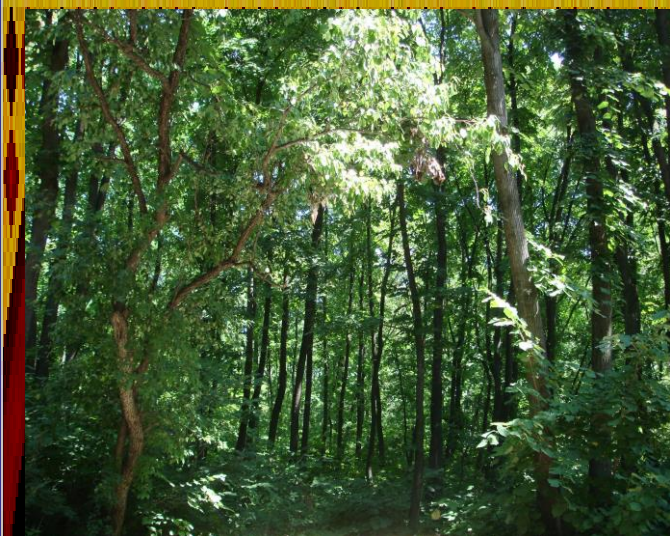
*Pyrrhura molinae*



These small conures have always been popular in the pet trade due to their small size, sweet nature and the fact they are relatively quiet birds. They are found in Brazil, Bolivia and Argentina.

Although common in captivity, the Green-cheeked Conure has not suffered major losses in the wild population to support this trade. This is partly because they breed easily in captivity and have historically had large wild populations. Habitat destruction however in recent years has led to a slow decline in their wild numbers. They are found in flocks of between 10 and 20 birds or more where lots of food is available.

They love fruits, (especially bananas and raisins), and seeds such as sunflower, safflower, and hemp seeds—all found in their natural environments. Green-cheeked Conures also love table food—they are flock animals and love to eat with their family. They can eat potatoes, carrots, corn, bread, pasta, and plain popcorn. A clipped and/or caged bird can become obese from eating too many fatty seeds such as sunflower seeds and peanuts.



**Lifespan:** 30 Years

**Weight:** 62 - 81g

**Size:** 26 cm

**Breeding Season:** Feb - Apr

**Incubation Period:** 22 - 24 Days

**Number of Chicks:** 2 - 3

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

**Problems They Face:** Habitat destruction, trapping for trade, shot as pest bird in agricultural areas.

**Conservation Status:** Not Globally Threatened - CITES App. 2