

PROJECT PROFILE

Abra Patricia, Peru

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Project Summary

Abra Patricia is a pass located in northern Peru on the east slope of the Andes. From the pass, an unbroken panorama of virgin forest stretches northeast to the Amazonian lowlands of north-central Peru. The area comprises steep slopes characterized by mid-montane cloud forest, and a unique stunted ridge-top elfin forest.

The main ridge is traversed by a recently paved highway, and the area close to the road is under increasing pressure from slash and burn agriculture. Although the area to the east is nominally protected by the Bosque de Protección Alto Mayo, the designation does not yet provide fully effective habitat protection, and major areas of key habitat are outside the reserve boundary.

The existing project is made possible by a grant from the Gordon and Betty Moore Foundation to American Bird Conservancy and ECOAN.

Target Species

The area's bird list includes 317 species of which 23 are considered globally threatened. These include two AZE species, the Critically Endangered Long-whiskered Owlet and the Endangered Ochre-fronted Antpitta; the Royal Sunangel, and the Cinnamon-breasted Tody-Tyrant. Another species that occurs in the area is the endangered Ash-throated Antwren, *Herpsilochmus parkeri* named for the



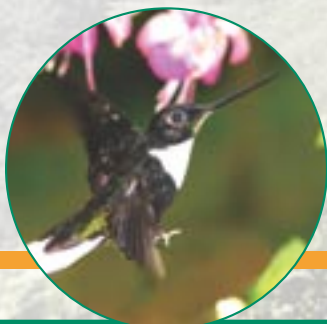
renowned neotropical ornithologist, Ted Parker. The Military Macaw also occurs in small numbers.

Current Need—\$250,000

A new research center at Abra Patricia will act as a project center for the region. Funds are needed to acquire land; cover management costs including guard salaries, signage, trails, reforestation; and to promote ecotourism to help generate sustainable financing for the reserve in the future.

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Abra Patricia in background. Left to right: Collared Inca, Military Macaw, and Andean Cock-of-the-rock. All photos courtesy Fundación ProAves.