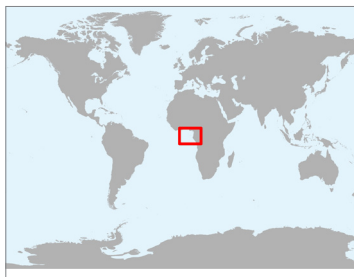




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## Amazing Species: São Tomé Grosbeak

The **São Tomé Grosbeak**, *Neospiza concolor*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Prior to its rediscovery in 1991, this São Tomé endemic was known from just a single specimen collected in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century.

Forest clearance began on São Tomé in the 15<sup>th</sup> century and accelerated rapidly in the 1800s. Naturally, this had a devastating impact on much of the island's wildlife. Today, the São Tomé Grosbeak population is estimated at less than 50 individuals, restricted to habitat under increasing pressure from land privatization and road developments.

The remaining primary forest on São Tomé is partially protected, but there is currently no law enforcement within these areas. Conservationists have recently started an awareness campaign, and are involving the local community in the monitoring and conservation of São Tomé's endemic birds. Further research into this species' population size, distribution and ecological requirements is now needed to refine conservation measures. Proposals have also been made to list the São Tomé Grosbeak as a protected species under national law.

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