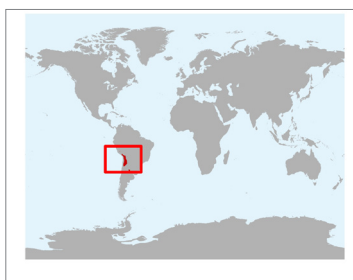




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Amazing Species: Andean Flamingo

The **Andean Flamingo**, *Phoenicoparrus andinus*, is listed as 'Vulnerable' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This is the rarest of the six flamingo species. Its range extends from southern Peru, through northwestern Argentina, western Bolivia and central Chile. The Andean Flamingo is primarily found in the shallow salt lakes of the high Andes; in winter, many fly to lowland wetlands in Argentina.

The Andean Flamingo is considered 'Vulnerable' because it has undergone a rapid population decline. The main threat is habitat loss and degradation due to mining, agricultural expansion, grazing, road construction and urban development. This species is also directly affected by egg removal at colonies, and human disturbance at breeding and foraging sites.

The Andean Flamingo is listed in Appendix II of CITES, Appendix I of the Convention on Migratory Species (CMS), and in the US Endangered Species Act. Andean Flamingos are also protected through national legislation in the range states. Unfortunately, however, the long life expectancy and slow breeding of flamingos suggest that the legacy of past threats may persist through generations to come.

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