

Plight of a Cuckoo

A neotropical migrant bird, the western yellow-billed cuckoo winters in South America and breeds in North America. Once soaring in numbers, the species is at an all-time low.



- Range Lost
- Current Occupied Range
- Eastern YB Cuckoo Range
- ★ States with 10 or more pairs



The biggest threat facing the western yellow-billed cuckoo is habitat loss. Over 90% of its habitat along streams and rivers has been lost or degraded due to human caused alteration of the hydrology.



Once home to a thriving population, the species has disappeared from the Pacific Northwest.



Most remaining populations are so small, random events such as floods, fires and disease could wipe them out.

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