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Geographical range

Amazing Species: Bozdağ Grasshopper

The **Bozdağ Grasshopper**, *Chorthippus bozdaghi*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. It is endemic to the subalpine zone of Bozdağ Mountain (Izmir Province, Turkey) where it occurs in dwarf bush and thorn-cushion communities, and requires areas of fine soil and sufficient water supply.

The Bozdağ Grasshopper is threatened by agricultural activities, particularly by the ongoing transformation of suitable habitat into cultivated land. Furthermore, the habitat decline due to afforestation with pines, oaks and cedar not only threaten the survival of this grasshopper, but also that of many other endemic insect species inhabiting the region.

No special conservation actions are currently in place for this species. However, four endemic plant species occur in the same area and researchers from Ege University (Izmir) currently plan a conservation strategy for these plants. It is likely that the Bozdağ Grasshopper will indirectly profit from this habitat restoration, but a monitoring scheme is required to assess the success of such conservation measures.

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