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Amazing Species: White-bellied Cinclodes

The **White-bellied Cinclodes**, *Cinclodes palliatus*, is listed as Critically Endangered on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. Found only in high-elevation bogs of central Peru, in the regions of Junín, Lima and Huancavelica, it is one of the rarest and most threatened birds on Earth (currently numbering fewer than 250 individuals).

The major threat to White-bellied Cinclodes is the loss and degradation of its habitat. An increase in peat harvesting to satisfy the demand for mushroom-growing, private gardening and public parks in Lima, together with over-grazing, has significantly impacted on the habitat of this species. Hard-rock mining operations that destroy or bury the bird's high Andean bogs and grasslands under mining waste, is also a factor contributing to its devastating decline

Conservation organisations are working together to conserve the White-bellied Cinclodes by engaging high Andean communities to raise awareness of this species, establish new protected areas, and improve the management of existing protected areas to protect this wonderful bird. Further surveys are also needed to better determine the precise ecological requirements for this species which predpose its restricted range and rarity.

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