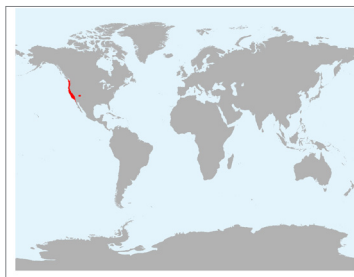




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Geographical range

Amazing Species: California Condor

The **California Condor**, *Gymnogyps californianus*, is listed as 'Critically Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This is one of only two condor species in the world, and the largest land bird in North America. Although it used to be found all over the western North America, its range is now limited to areas in California, Utah, Arizona and the Baja peninsula.

- Knowledge** ^{EQ}
- Experts** ^{EQ}
- Action** ^{EQ}
- Get Involved** ^{EQ}

Factors including shooting, poisoning and habitat loss almost drove the California Condor into extinction. In 1982, only 22 individuals survived and were brought into captivity in an effort to save them. Eggs were removed from condor nests, encouraging the females to lay replacement eggs – a process called “double clutching.” The removed eggs were placed in incubators for hatching. In the wild, parents may often only raise one chick every other year. Using the double-clutching method, up to four chicks can be raised in a two-year period.

In 1992, the first zoo-bred condors were released into the wild in California. As of April 30, 2012, the population of California Condors had grown to 405, including 226 condors living in the wild. Protection of the condors' wild habitat and addressing the threat of lead poisoning, following ingestion of carcasses killed with lead shot, are crucial for their ongoing survival.



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