

Endangered Species Act 40th Anniversary Success Stories Puerto Rican Parrot



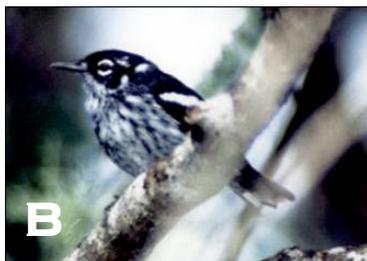
The Puerto Rican Parrot recovery effort is a true phenomenon of multiple agencies working for a common goal under the Endangered Species Act. In 1975 the total Puerto Rican parrot population was 13 known individuals on the El Yunque National Forest and easily qualified as one of the most endangered birds in the world. Through a joint task force approach between the U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and Puerto Rico Department of Natural and Environmental Resources address following issues:

1. Construction and dispersal of artificial nests, establish administrative use trails, and habitat management ;
2. Control exotic species and nest competitors;
3. and, Provide a model for the other 3 endangered birds and 1 endangered reptile on the forest.



Accomplishments from the parrot recovery effort:

- A. Two wild flocks: The parrots in the El Yunque National Forest and another in the western part of Puerto Rico;
- B. Increasing the population from 13 parrots to a total island-wide population (including wild and captive parrots) at approximately 400 individuals;
- C. and, Plans to establish a viable third wild flock population; securing a cultural treasure and significant ecological member.



- A. Puerto Rican Parrot (*Amazona vittata*)
- B. Elfin woods Warbler (*Dendroica angelae*)
- C. Puerto Rican Boa (*Epicrates inornatus*)



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