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Introduction

An endangered species is low on existence because of poaching, diseases, or changes in natural habitat.

The Gouldian Finch

The rainbow-colored Gouldian Finch is found across northern Australia, but there are fewer than 2,500 birds left in the wild. It is one of the most colorful birds and has been disappearing from northern Australia for many decades. Gouldian Finches have become rare because of threats to their natural habitat and changes in fire pattern. The Australia Wildlife Conservancy is working to protect the birds across the region.



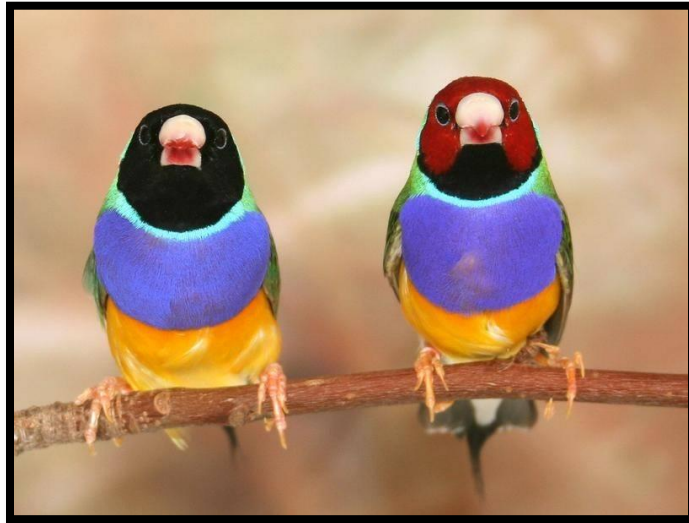
How are they saving the Gouldian Finch?

WWF Australia is working with the Kija Rangers in Central Kimberly by mapping their breeding habitat and placing buffer burns to protect them from man-made fires. Kija Rangers also created water sources to allow the Gouldian Finches to survive better.

Conclusion

We should protect the Gouldian Finch by not burning the grassland where it lives. It is a beautiful bird found only in Australia that we need to save.

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