

**PROPOSAL FOR INCLUSION OF SPECIES ON THE APPENDICES OF THE CONVENTION
ON THE CONSERVATION OF MIGRATORY SPECIES OF WILD ANIMALS**

A. PROPOSAL: To include the whole population of *Alectrurus tricolor* in Appendix I

B. PROPONENT: Government of Paraguay

C. SUPPORTING STATEMENT

1. Taxon

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| 1.1 | Classis: | Birds |
| 1.2 | Ordo: | Passeriformes |
| 1.3 | Familia: | Tyrannidae |
| 1.4 | Species: | <i>Alectrurus tricolor</i> |
| 1.5 | Common names: | Jetapa'i, Yetapá chico, Cock-tailed Tyrant |

2. Biological data

2.1 Distribution

Northern and eastern Bolivia (a few spots in La Paz, Beni and Santa Cruz), southern Brazil (Mato Grosso, Mato Grosso do Sul, Goiás, Distrito Federal, Minas Gerais, south of Espírito Santo down to Paraná and possibly Río Grande do Sul), eastern Paraguay (records over the last few years in Concepción, San Pedro, Cordillera, Caazapá and Itapúa) and northern Argentina (some old sightings in northeast Corrientes and southern Misiones, no more records since 1979).

2.2 Population

Greater than 10.000, but declining, with an estimated loss greater than 20 % over the last ten years. This decrease is expected to continue. The species has become sparse and local in a large part of its range, though it is still a common species in a few protected areas in Goiás, Distrito Federal and Minas Gerais, in Brazil.

2.3 Habitat

Grasslands in temporary wetlands ("campo limpio" and "campo sucio"), with a preference for areas of vegetation of a height between 30 and 100 cm and, in Bolivia, especially in areas with *Trachypogon sp.*

2.4 Migrations

At least some populations in Paraguay and in some localities in Brazil (such as the Serra da Canastra) are migratory, reaching their nesting areas by mid-August-September, and leaving in December-January. Their movements, however, both local and regional, are not well known.

3. Threat data

The species is listed in the "vulnerable" category of UICN, due to its population decrease.

3.1. Direct threats to the population

Not known

3.2 Habitat destruction

The development of agriculture and cattle raising, forestations, and mining activities are threats to the species' habitat. Dependency on tall pastures make the species particularly sensitive to intensive pasturing, cattle trampling and periodic fires.

3.3 Indirect threats

3.4 Threats connected especially with migrations

Nesting areas to the south of the range and areas used during migration are seriously threatened by habitat conversion. The species survival is therefore dependent on conservation actions, both in the nesting grounds and in areas used during migration and wintering.

3.5 National and international utilization .

Not known.

4. **Protection status and needs**

4.1 National protection status

It is locally common in Parque Nacional Emas (Goiás), Área de Protección Ambiental Gama-Cabeca de Veado, Parque Nacional de Brasília (Distrito Federal), Parque Nacional Serra da Canastra, and Refugio de Vida Silvestre Sao Miguel (Minas Gerais), in Brazil. In Paraguay, male individuals in display attitude have been observed in the Área de Reserva para Parque Nacional San Rafael, and probably migrating individuals in Parque Nacional San Luis and Reserva Natural Privada Morombí.

4.2 International protection status

The species is not listed in the CMS Appendices.

4.3 Additional protection needs

Additional studies are required to define and clarify the status of the species.

There is a need to find out the population levels inside the protected areas and to set up an early warning system during the dry season, to avoid or extinguish the fires that might occur either within or near such areas. Habitat reduction should also be tackled by protecting tall natural pastures through the efforts of farmers and stockbreeders.

5. **Range States**

Bolivia, Brazil, Paraguay and Argentina.

6. **Comments from Range States**

7. **Additional remarks**

8. **Referencias**

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