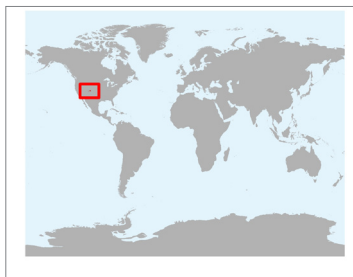




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## Species of the Day: Gunnison Sage-grouse

The **Gunnison Sage-grouse**, *Centrocercus minimus*, is listed as 'Endangered' on the IUCN Red List of Threatened Species™. This bird, once found in sagebrush habitats in Colorado and Utah, USA, now has a global wild population of fewer than 5,000 and is located in less than 9 percent of its historical range. Only eight populations are known, several of which are estimated to have no more than a hundred individuals.

Potential causes of the species' decline are varied and numerous. Current threats include continued conversion of sagebrush habitat for agricultural purposes, urbanization, and increased recreation, all of which may result in greater predation and habitat loss.

The Gunnison Sage-grouse has been recognized by the American Ornithological Union as one of the ten most endangered bird species in North America. It is therefore listed as a possible candidate for future protection under the Endangered Species Act (ESA). However, while numerous groups have developed conservation plans and actions for the species, it continues to be at significant risk and lacks federal protection under the ESA.

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