Melanerpes rubricapillus, Red-crowned Woodpecker

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Taxonomy

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<td>Aves</td>
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Scientific Name: *Melanerpes rubricapillus* (Cabanis, 1862)

Common Name(s):
- English: Red-crowned Woodpecker

Taxonomic Source(s):
SACC. 2005 and updates. A classification of the bird species of South America. Available at: #http://www.museum.lsu.edu/~Remsen/SACCBaseline.htm#.

Assessment Information

Red List Category & Criteria: Least Concern [ver 3.1](https://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2020-3.RLTS.T22680850A168646628.en)

Year Published: 2020

Date Assessed: February 17, 2020

Justification:
This species has an extremely large range, and hence does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the range size criterion (Extent of Occurrence <20,000 km² combined with a declining or fluctuating range size, habitat extent/quality, or population size and a small number of locations or severe fragmentation). The population trend appears to be stable, and hence the species does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population trend criterion (>30% decline over ten years or three generations). The population size is very large, and hence does not approach the thresholds for Vulnerable under the population size criterion (<10,000 mature individuals with a continuing decline estimated to be >10% in ten years or three generations, or with a specified population structure). For these reasons the species is evaluated as Least Concern.

Previously Published Red List Assessments

2016 – Least Concern (LC)
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2012 – Least Concern (LC)
https://dx.doi.org/10.2305/IUCN.UK.2012-1.RLTS.T22680850A40633384.en

2009 – Least Concern (LC)

2008 – Least Concern (LC)

2004 – Least Concern (LC)
2000 – Unknown (LR/LC)
1994 – Unknown (LR/LC)
1988 – Unknown (LR/LC)

Geographic Range

Country Occurrence:

Native, Extant (resident): Colombia; Costa Rica; Guyana; Panama; Suriname; Trinidad and Tobago; Venezuela, Bolivarian Republic of
Population
The global population is estimated to number 500,000-4,999,999 mature individuals (Partners in Flight 2019). The species is described as 'common' (Stotz et al. 1996).

Trend Justification
The population is thought to be stable (Partners in Flight 2019).
Current Population Trend: Stable

Habitat and Ecology (see Appendix for additional information)

Systems: Terrestrial

Credits
Assessor(s): BirdLife International
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Habitats
(http://www.iucnredlist.org/technical-documents/classification-schemes)

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<td>Resident</td>
<td>Suitable</td>
<td>Yes</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Forest -&gt; 1.6. Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Moist Lowland</td>
<td>Resident</td>
<td>Suitable</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>1. Forest -&gt; 1.7. Forest - Subtropical/Tropical Mangrove Vegetation Above High Tide Level</td>
<td>Resident</td>
<td>Suitable</td>
<td>No</td>
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<td>3. Shrubland -&gt; 3.5. Shrubland - Subtropical/Tropical Dry</td>
<td>Resident</td>
<td>Suitable</td>
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<td>14. Artificial/Terrestrial -&gt; 14.3. Artificial/Terrestrial - Plantations</td>
<td>Resident</td>
<td>Suitable</td>
<td>No</td>
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<tr>
<td>14. Artificial/Terrestrial -&gt; 14.6. Artificial/Terrestrial - Subtropical/Tropical Heavily Degraded Former Forest</td>
<td>Resident</td>
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Conservation Actions in Place
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<td>In-place research and monitoring</td>
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<td>Action Recovery Plan: No</td>
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<td>Systematic monitoring scheme: No</td>
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<td>In-place land/water protection</td>
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<td>Conservation sites identified: Yes, over entire range</td>
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<td>Occurs in at least one protected area: Yes</td>
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<td>Invasive species control or prevention: No</td>
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<td>In-place species management</td>
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<td>Successfully reintroduced or introduced benignly: No</td>
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<td>Subject to ex-situ conservation: No</td>
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<td>In-place education</td>
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<td>Subject to recent education and awareness programmes: No</td>
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<td>Included in international legislation: No</td>
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<td>Subject to any international management / trade controls: No</td>
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Additional Data Fields

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### Distribution
- Continuing decline in area of occupancy (AOO): Unknown
- Extreme fluctuations in area of occupancy (AOO): No
- Estimated extent of occurrence (EOO) (km²): 2310000
- Continuing decline in extent of occurrence (EOO): Unknown
- Extreme fluctuations in extent of occurrence (EOO): No
- Continuing decline in number of locations: Unknown
- Extreme fluctuations in the number of locations: No
- Upper elevation limit (m): 1,900

### Population
- Number of mature individuals: 500,000-4,999,999
- Continuing decline of mature individuals: Unknown
- Extreme fluctuations: No
- Population severely fragmented: No
- Continuing decline in subpopulations: Unknown
- Extreme fluctuations in subpopulations: No
- All individuals in one subpopulation: No

### Habitats and Ecology
- Continuing decline in area, extent and/or quality of habitat: Unknown
- Generation Length (years): 2.8
- Movement patterns: Not a Migrant
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