

Amazilia hummingbird

The **amazilia hummingbird** (*Amazilia amazilia*) is a species of hummingbird, a family of small near passerine birds. The Loja hummingbird (*A. amazilia alticola*), with less rufous to the underparts, is sometimes considered a subspecies of the amazilia hummingbird.^{[2][3]}

The amazilia hummingbird occurs in western Peru and south-western Ecuador. It is generally common, and can regularly be seen even in major cities such as Lima and Guayaquil. It prefers dry, open or semi-open habitats, but also occurs in forest. In its range it is easily recognized by the combination of a black-tipped red bill and mainly rufous underparts. It is a territorial species.^[4]

Its diet consists of small insects and nectar of flowering *Erythrina*, *Psittacanthus*, and other flower corollas of medium length.^[5] It can spend roughly 80% of its time resting, using the rest of its time to forage, hunt, and defend its territory (often against *Coereba flaveola*).^[4] It breeds year round with cup like nests only ~3cm above the ground.^[5]

There is currently academic discussion on if *Amazilia amazilia alticola* should be labeled as a separate species or a subspecies of *Amazilia amazilia*.^{[2][3]}

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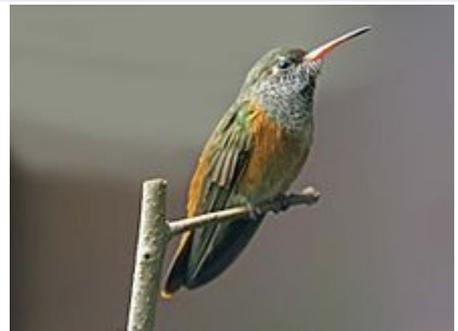
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Conservation status



Least Concern (IUCN 3.1)^[1]

Scientific classification

Kingdom:	<u>Animalia</u>
Phylum:	<u>Chordata</u>
Class:	<u>Aves</u>

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Order:	<i>Apodiformes</i>
Family:	<i>Trochilidae</i>
Genus:	<i>Amazilis</i> Gray, 1855
Species:	<i>A. amazilia</i>
Binomial name	
<i>Amazilis amazilia</i> (Lesson, 1827)	