

# PUERTO RICAN SPINDALIS

*Spindalis portoricensis*

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## CLASSIFICATION

**Class:** Aves

**Order:** Passeriformes

**Family:** Spindalidae

No recognized subspecies



NOT LISTED

VERY RARE



## LEAST CONCERN

**Identification:** Adults can reach 16.5 cm in length for a weight of 41 g. Male has black head with two white stripes, olive-yellow back, dull yellow belly and orange collar and breast patch. Female is dull olive-yellow with darker olive spotting.

**Range:** The species occurs in the Carribean archipelago and is endemic to the island of Puerto Rico.

**Habitat :** All kinds of forests and woodlands.

**Behavior:** The species occurs usually in pairs or families, rarely in big groups. Feeds on fruits, leaves and flower buds. Cup-shaped nest built low in bush or tree.

**Status in the wild:** The species is endemic to a single island but remains common and safe overall, mostly because it can occur in a very wide variety of habitats.

**In captivity:** This species, like all other *Spindalis*, is extremely rare in captivity and might not be displayed anywhere in zoos at the moment. It has never been imported to Europe and a single specimen was kept in Dallas World Aquarium in 2011.