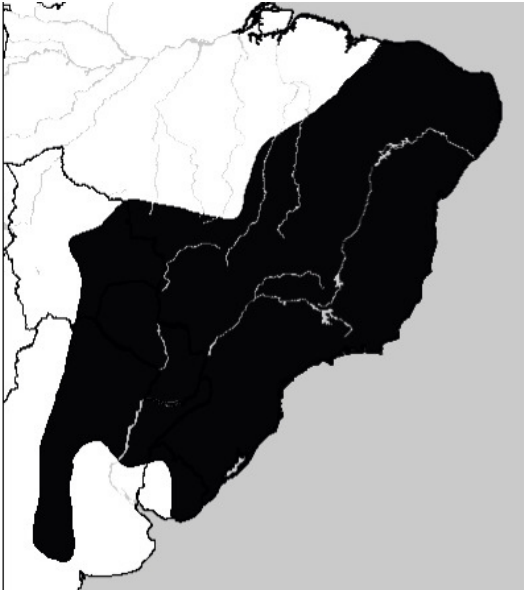


# Red-legged Seriema

## *Cariama cristata*



**Range:** South America  
**Size:** ♂: 75-90 cm (30-36 in)  
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**Weight :** ♂: 1.5 kg ( 3.3 lbs)  
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**Wing:** 91.5-122 cm ( 36-48 in)  
**Habitat:** grasslands  
**Incubation:** 25-30 days  
**Eggs:** 2  
**Fledge:** 4 weeks  
**Sexual maturity:** 8 months  
**Nest:**  
**Social:** solitary or pairs  
**Breeding:** monogamous  
**Movement :** Sedentary  
**Food:** insects small  
vertebrates  
**IUCN:** least concern  
**Subspecies :** monotypic  
**Longevity:** captive: 30 yrs  
Wild:

Order: Ciconiiformes Family: Cariamidae

The Red-legged Seriema is a solitary, diurnal ground dwelling bird. Although it is able to fly it prefers to run to escape threats. It can obtain speeds up to 43 mph. It is one of a few birds which have eyelashes. Red-legged seriemas also have a unique crest which grows from the base of the bill.

One of the most distinctive features of the species is its vocalization. It has been described as a puppy yelping and can be heard from several kilometers. The call is usually heard in the morning and is used to define territory.