



The California Condor historically ranged from California to Florida and western Canada to northern Mexico but by the mid-20th century, condor populations had dropped dramatically.

By 1982, only 22 condors survived in the wild, in an effort, to avoid extinction of the species, the Service and partners began to capture the remaining wild condors. Five years later, all remaining wild condors were in captivity and a captive breeding program started at the San Diego Zoo to save the species was underway.

Today, the population of California Condors has grown to nearly 600 with over 300 California Condors reintroduced to the wild.