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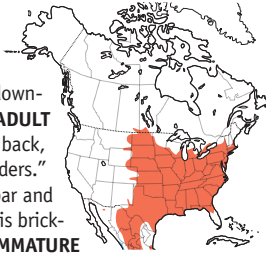
ORIOLES



MALE, 1st-SUMMER

ORCHARD ORIOLE

Icterus spurius L 7.25–7.5 in Eastern North America's smallest oriole; has a slender, pointed and down-curved bill. Sexes are dissimilar. **ADULT MALE** Has a black hood, chest, and back, and brick red underparts and "shoulders." Wings are black, with a white wing bar and white edges to flight feathers. Rump is brick-red and tail is black. **ADULT AND IMMATURE FEMALE** Have mostly yellow plumage, grading to olive-yellow on back. Dark wings have two white wing bars and white edges to flight feathers. Rump is yellow and tail is grayish. **IMMATURE MALE** Has a black face and throat, but otherwise mostly yellow plumage, grading to olive-yellow on back. Dark wings have two white wing bars and white edges to flight feathers. **VOICE** Song is a jaunty series of fluty whistles; call is a harsh chatter. **STATUS AND HABITAT** Locally common summer visitor (mainly May–Aug) to open wooded habitats, including orchards, parks, and waterside woodlands. Winters mainly in Central America. **OBSERVATION TIPS** Fairly easy to see in suitable habitats.

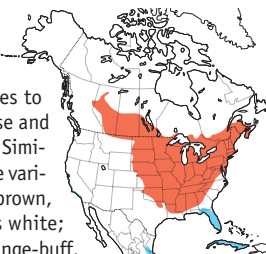
**BALTIMORE ORIOLE**

Icterus galbula L 8.5–8.75 in Colorful woodland bird. Bill is slender, pointed, and gray. Sexes are dissimilar. **ADULT MALE** Has black hood and back, and orange "shoulders" and underparts. Dark wings have white wing bar and white edges to flight feathers. Rump is orange and tail is orange overall with dark base and midline. **ADULT FEMALE** Similar, but hood and back are variably mottled dark olive-brown, and "shoulder" stripe is white; rump and tail are dull orange-buff.

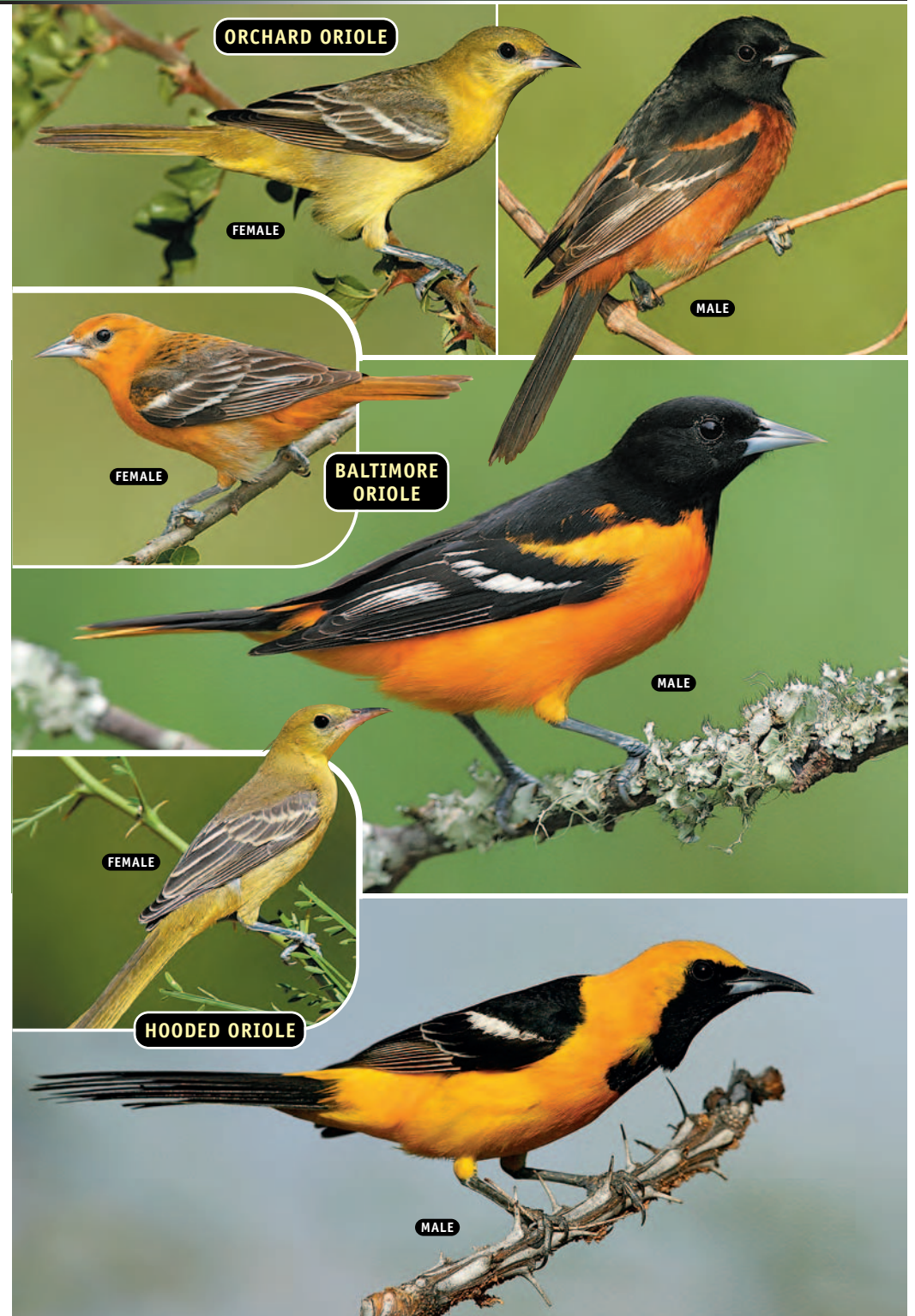


FEMALE

IMMATURE Recalls adult female, but male is richer orange on breast and undertail coverts; female is much paler overall, especially on belly. **VOICE** Song is a whistling *chew-di-chew-di-chew-chew-che*, uttered as though bird is losing enthusiasm; call is a rattle. **STATUS AND HABITAT** Common summer visitor (mainly May–Aug) to deciduous woodlands. Winters mainly in Central and South America; a few linger in southeastern U.S. **OBSERVATION TIPS** Easy to see in suitable wooded habitats.

**HOODED ORIOLE**

Icterus cucullatus L 8–8.25 in Slim-bodied, colorful oriole with a proportionately long tail. Bill is slender and downcurved. Sexes are dissimilar. **ADULT MALE** Has mostly orange body plumage, with a black face and throat, and black back. Wings are black with two white wing bars and white edges to flight feathers. Tail is dark and rump is orange. In winter, pale feathers can be seen on back. **ADULT AND IMMATURE FEMALES** Have mostly dull yellow face and underparts, palest on flanks. Crown, nape, and back are olive-gray and dark wings have two white wing bars and white edges to flight feathers. Rump and tail are olive-gray. **IMMATURE MALE** Recalls female, but by first spring has acquired incomplete version of adult's black face and throat. **VOICE** Song is a rapid series of chattering, warbling phrases; call is a harsh *tchet* or *tchew*. **STATUS AND HABITAT** Locally common summer visitor (mainly Apr–Aug) to open woodland, often near water and sometimes in suburban areas; winters in Mexico. **OBSERVATION TIPS** Usually easy to see and sometimes quite bold, within its limited range.



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