

Tips for Attracting ORIOLES



Nesting of Orioles

Where nesting material is available, Orioles will defend an area of several acres and start building a pendulous nest. You can help encourage them by offering long strips of twine or horse hair.

Orioles make a pendulous nest with the females normally taking 5-8 days to do all the weaving. The male defends their territory and occasionally checks out the construction of the nest, but offers little help or expertise. The nest may be as much as 8 inches in length, and is often supported from the tips of branches that hang out over open areas such as rivers or roads. The female will lay 4-5 pale gray to bluish eggs, which she alone will incubate until they hatch in 12-14 days. Both parents feed the babies until they fledge in another 12-14 days. By summer's end, all will have departed for a warm winter stay in tropical warmer climates.

To keep your Orioles nesting in your yard, you will want to make sure that they are happy and well fed. We suggest the Songbird Essentials "Ultimate Oriole Feeder" to provide all the treats that Orioles love.

The Best Feeder to "hold" Orioles in your yard!

Finally, a feeder with enough nectar, orange halves, and jelly capacity to attract and keep Orioles in your yard.

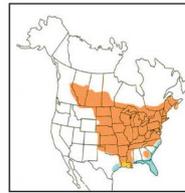


SE905
Ultimate Oriole Feeder

When Orioles arrive, they are starving and will quickly consume what is on the other feeders. Once they are empty, they will move elsewhere looking for more to eat. With the Songbird Essentials "Ultimate Oriole Feeder" you won't have to worry about this happening to you!

- Feed nectar, jelly and oranges all at the same time
- Built in ant moat keeps ants out of the treats
- Holds 4 halves of real oranges in such a way that ant moats can still be filled with water and be effective
- Holds 1 quart of nectar which is twice as much as other flat top nectar feeders
- Holds 4 times the jelly as jelly feeders
- Easy to fill and clean

Range Maps of the Three Most Common Orioles in the US



Baltimore Oriole



Orchard Oriole



Bullock's Oriole

Want to Learn More?

Ask a store employee to play you the Oriole Segment of the "Bird Man Mel's, In Your Own Backyard DVD", or go to our website at www.birdmanmel.com.



You can also ask any of our friendly, knowledgeable staff on how you can attract Orioles to your backyard!

Because of their strikingly beautiful black and orange or yellow plumage, their distinctive whistle, spring songs, and their amazing suspended nest, Orioles are quickly becoming one of America's favorite birds. While over eight species of Orioles can regularly be seen in the United States, we'll deal mainly in this flyer with three species: Baltimore, Bullocks, and Orchard (range maps on back page). All United States Orioles show variation on the theme of black and orange or yellow plumage.

Except for in the Southeast, all Orioles are tropical migrants. While migrations vary from year-to-year, Orioles generally arrive in the South in early spring, Midwest in early May, and further North soon afterward. It is very important that you have Oriole feeders up and ready, or often they will pass you by for better feeding grounds. It is equally important to have nesting materials out and ready to help encourage Orioles to nest in your yard. Although studies are still being done on how much we can tempt Orioles to nest in backyards, by summer's end, migrating Orioles are headed back south to their tropical winter homes in Central and South America. It does appear that Baltimore Oriole's ranges are expanding, while Bullocks and Orchard Orioles are declining. All Orioles need and benefit from your help.

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Feeding Orioles

Orioles migrate at night so they are tired, cold, and hungry when they arrive in your yard. If you wait until you see 'em, you are "too late" to attract maximum numbers of Orioles to your yard. Oranges are one of the keys to attracting Orioles. Cut oranges in half and provide them "juicy side out."



SE6005
Double Orange Feeder



SEBCO212
Jelly/Jam Fliteline Feeder

You can also attract Orioles up close by offering Oriole feeders by the house and patio. We love the bright orange "Jelly Feeder" from Songbird Essentials, as it's inexpensive and now comes with a jar. Use BirdBerry™ Jelly. "It's so good you'll want to have breakfast with the birds!"

This combination of all natural grape and blackberry jellies has proven to attract more birds. BirdBerry™ Jelly is lower in sugar than store brand jelly. It contains no corn sweetener or artificial ingredients and is higher in fruit and fruit juice makes BirdBerry™ Jelly healthier for your visiting Orioles. Many people feed jelly year-round, as not only Orioles, but Woodpeckers, Robins, Warblers, and others enjoy it.



SE6010
Birdberry Jelly



SE627
Nectar Protector
Jr Orange

If you're worried about ants bothering your jelly or Oriole nectar, simply hang one of our clear or orange Nectar Protector Ant Moats above them and fill with water. This acts like a moat around a castle (ants can't swim) and for just a few bucks you never have to mess with cleaning them out of the feeder!!

Available in different sizes and colors
*Feeders not included.

Oriole Feeders

Our favorite Oriole nectar feeders are the Songbird Essentials Feeders. Why? Their wide mouths and flat tops make 'em easy to fill and clean (base also comes apart easily to clean), and their patented bee guards make sure Orioles (not bees) enjoy the nectar.



SEBCO230
Oriole Fliteline™ Jr. Feeder
30oz fill capacity

Oriole Fliteline™ Feeders

- 3 bee-repellent nectar stations
- Large mouth, snap apart base for easy cleaning
- Flat top for easy filling
- Pole mount or hang
- 2 fill capacities offered, 52oz & 30oz



SEHHJLSC Jelly & Mealworm Feeder, 1 Cup

Perfect for feeding grape jelly to Orioles or mealworms to Bluebirds. Copper clips let you remove the cups for cleaning and filling.

SEHHRJL Fruit & Jelly Feeder

Great for feeding Orioles. Fill the cup with grape jelly and spiral on oranges or apples, Orioles love them both. The glass jelly jar is high quality and dishwasher safe.

Oriole Foods

While we often tell people to mix their own Hummingbird nectar from sugar, we do feel the commercial Oriole nectars we offer attract and hold more Orioles at the feeder longer. We recommend the Songbird Essentials Oriole nectars.



- SE630** Oriole Nectar, 8oz Packet
 - SE631** Oriole Nectar, 1 Liter Bottle
 - SE644** Orange Oriole Nectar, 2 Liter Bottle
 - SE645** Orange Oriole Nectar, 24oz Can
- (all Songbird Essentials Oriole Nectars are from a natural color source)

Oriole Attracting Accessories



SESQ830 12 in.
Oriole Magnet Baffle

Attracts Orioles and keeps them cool at the same time! All orange color attracts nearby Orioles and 12" diameter baffle blocks out sunlight which keeps the feeder underneath cooler. Shade also keeps nectar fresher so it lasts longer.

* Feeder in picture not included

Brushes for cleaning Oriole Feeders

To promote healthy Orioles, nectar feeders should be cleaned once a week or more in hot weather to prevent harmful microorganisms like molds from developing.



SE607 Best Combo Brush Set

We combined the SE605 and SE606 brushes to make the only brush kit that can clean every part of every Oriole feeder!