



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."



You can also attract Orioles up close by offering Oriole nectar, jelly, and fruit on 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!"

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



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.

Range Maps of The Three Most Common Orioles in the United States.



Baltimore Oriole

Orchard Oriole



Bullock's Oriole



Want to Learn More?

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



You'll also find these and more great books as part of our Oriole Product Section. Whether you're looking for beginner facts on attracting Orioles, or want to learn more about specific species, we have books you'll enjoy!

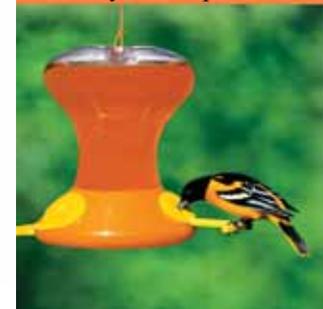
Want More Information on Attracting Orioles to Your Yard? Ask any of our friendly, knowledgeable staff.



Tips to Attracting 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.



Tips And Products To Help You Attract Orioles To Your Yard

Nesting

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.

Our Favorite Oriole Feeders!!



SEBCO230
30 oz. Oriole Feeder



SEBCO243
48 oz. Oriole Feeder



SEBCO212
Jelly/Jam Feeder



SERUBFJF
Fruit & Jelly Feeder



SEWF2010
Stalk Feeder



DYFF



SE6005
Double Orange Feeder



ASPECTS361



SE6010
BirdBerry™
Jelly



SERUBFR100
Fruit Feeder



SERUBGRAND
Grand Slam Feeder



NOVA20838



WLCOPWLO2



SESCS403
Fruit & Jelly



WLNAO1

Nectar

Jelly

Fruit

Combination

Oriole Nectar & Jelly



SE631
Ready to Use
Oriole Nectar



SE630
8 oz. Oriole Nectar

Accessories to Help Attract More Orioles

Keep Oriole Nectar Feeders Clean With:



SE607

“The Only Kit to Clean Every Part of Every Feeder.”



SE606

“The Best Port & Bee Guard Brush.”

Keep Ants Out of Fruit, Jelly, and Nectar Feeders With:



Nectar Protectors in Clear, Green and Orange. “Fill with water and hang above feeder, ants can't swim!”



Care Free Enzymes

Hummingbird/Oriole Cleaner is a great aid in keeping feeders clean and safe.



Windchime



CH175BO

Towel



FEK201

Doormat



FED640

Ornament



NAOR1245

FWC105

Singing Bird



WR78377

Magnet



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GIFTS FOR ORIOLE LOVERS



Shade Grown Coffee Preserves Oriole Winter Habitat

