

Have you seen a...

Baltimore Oriole

What Does this Species Look Like?

Size: 7-8 inches

Weight: 30-40 grams

Color: Male is black and bright orange;
Female is mainly yellow with white wing bars

General: Males have a solid black head; Females have 2 white wing bars

Usually Found: Open woodlands, tall shade trees, parks, suburban areas



Did You Know?

- The Baltimore Oriole (*Icterus galbula*) arrives in the northern United States by April or May.
- Orioles are closely related to blackbirds and meadowlarks.
- Baltimore Orioles build hanging basket nests in trees and lay 3-7 eggs at a time.
- Yearling males resemble adult females.
- Young male orioles do not achieve adult plumage until the fall of their second year.

What am I Observing?

The timing (date) of:

- The first time the bird is seen
- The first time the bird is heard singing
- The first time adult oriole is seen sitting on eggs in the nest

Why Collect this Data?

This species is being monitored as a part of the Eastern PA Phenology Program to determine if this animal is impacted by environmental changes.

How Do I Report this Data?

Observations can be reported as comments to the Eastern PA Phenology Blog:
<http://watchingtheseasons.blogspot.com/>
or sent to phenology@lgnc.org

Want to Find Out More?

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What is Phenology? According to the National Phenology Network, phenology refers to the study of “recurring plant and animal life cycle stages, or phenophases, such as leafing and flowering, maturation of agricultural plants, emergence of insects, and migration of birds.”

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