

# Sisters Country birds

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Bullock's Orioles (*Icterus bullock*) breed in riparian and open woodlands and favor areas where the trees are large and spaced well apart or in isolated clumps. They often nest in sycamores, cottonwoods, willows, and deciduous oaks. They eat insects and other arthropods, as well as fruit and nectar. They glean insects from leaves,



PHOTO BY DOUGLAS BEALL  
Bullock's Oriole.

branches and trunks; they also pluck insects from spider webs or from the air, and take ripe fruit from bushes and trees.

Bullock's Orioles use a method called "gaping" to extract juice from fruit, and also sometimes from tough-skinned caterpillars. Thrusting their closed bills through the skin and into the flesh of the fruit or animal, they then pry their bills open inside and lap up the pooling juices with their brushy tongues.

The female weaves the nest, but the male may assist, with one partner working on the inside and other outside, bringing nest material. The project can take up to 15 days to complete. The nest hangs from a branch like a sack and is neatly woven from fibers such as hair, twine, grasses, or wool. It's lined with soft materials such as feathers or the "cotton" from cottonwoods or willows. Three to seven bluish eggs are incubated for 11 days and the chicks fledge in 14 days.

This oriole was named after William Bullock, an English amateur naturalist, in 1827. A group of orioles are collectively known as a "pitch" or a "split" of orioles.

For more Bullock's Oriole photos visit <http://abirdsingsbecauseithasa.org/recent-journeys>.

## MEMORIAL DAY: Aviator part of Greatest Generation

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14, 1945, while on combat patrol, along with Lt. j. g. E. Hatfield, they encountered and attacked two Mitsubishi G4M bombers. Hatfield's guns jammed and Devereaux continued his attack and successfully destroyed one of the enemy aircraft. He followed it down until it exploded into the water.

Upon returning to the USS Shangri La, his tail hook failed; he slammed on his brakes and crashed into the barrier. His plane flipped up on its nose and right wing, and balanced there in a vertical position. Unhurt and able to climb down from his damaged fighter, he was met with an order to report to the Admiral.

Reporting as ordered, Vice Admiral John McCain offered his hand and said, "Great job, Devereaux, You are one for one, eh!"

Of the 1,391 sorties flown on that day by Task Force 38, he was the only one that shot down an enemy plane over the carrier armada.

At war's end, having flown 40 combat missions, he was awarded the Air Medal with three Gold Stars.

His final flight was over the battleship Missouri in Tokyo harbor during the signing of the surrender ceremony. Leon was



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Leon Devereaux (front row, right), a native of Bend, flew combat missions in The Pacific Theater of World War II.

released from active duty and returned home to Bend, and remained in the Naval Reserves with occasional weekend duty at Sand Point NAS, Washington through 1949.

In June of 1946 Leon married Marian Mowery and they raised three children.

He worked for Brooks-Scanlon Lumber for 38 years, ultimately serving as their controller.

He continues to be active in politics and serves on community boards. He was

elected as Bend's mayor in 1968 and was the Grand Marshall of Bend's 2017 Veterans Day parade. He was honored by our Central Oregon Honor Flight with an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, DC to visit the World War II Memorial.

Sisters veterans hailed Leon Devereaux as a patriot, a war hero, outstanding citizen and a tribute to the "Greatest Generation." This coming June, Leon and his wife will celebrate 74 years of marriage.

## AFFORDABLE: Three homes are part of Hayden development

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dream slipped away. First Story gave us hope again."

"I've been doing everything I can — saving and working hard — to raise my family in my hometown of Sisters," said Jacob Christensen. "But it's so expensive that it meant my family of six sharing one bedroom at my mom's house. So, we were forced to move, and our daughter now spends over an hour commuting to school each day. Next year, thanks to First Story, she will walk to school."

"As a single dad, I work hard day in and day out to provide the best life for my son, Conner. Moving to Sisters means he will finally know something other than apartment living and what being a part of a community means," said Nathaniel Grimes.

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