

### Scott's Oriole

Scott's Oriole is a bird that likes the dry country of the southwest, where the days are warm and the skies are clear. In the summer, it seldom flies any farther north than western Texas, Utah, Ne-



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vada, New Mexico, and southern California. Sometimes, in fact, it doesn't even leave Mexico, where it spends the winter months.

Wherever they go, the Orioles attract attention with their gay colors. The male, garbed in yellow and black, is especially eye-catching. When he is perched on a prickly cactus, it is easy to see his black head, throat, wings, and tail, and his yellow under-parts.

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The female, though less brilliant, is not a dull bird herself. She, too, has a good deal of yellow underneath, while her back is brownish-yellow. On her throat is a small patch of black, and her wings are marked with white.

Both birds have long, slender bills which they use to explore desert flowers for nectar and insects. Besides the tiny pests which they find in blossoms, the Orioles eat grasshoppers, beetles, caterpillars, butterflies, and berries.

The dry country produces materials which Scott's Orioles like to use in building their nests, says the National Wildlife Federation. From yucca plants, they collect stout fibres which they weave together with strands of grass and a few horse hairs.

When they are finished, they have a deep nest, hanging in the shade of yucca leaves or in a clump of mistletoes. In the new home, the female lays three, pale blue eggs which are streaked with or spitted black, gray, brown or purple.

While his mate is sitting on the nest, the male searches for food. Again and again he goes to yucca and cactus flowers, where he has good luck at catching insects.

Later in the season, when the young are out of the nest, the whole family seeks desert plants whose blossoms hold nectar. Dipping their sharp bills into the flowers, the Orioles enjoy the sweetness, and they also find bugs which are after the same treat.

The birds are at home in either the flatlands or the mountains of the southwest. Most of them, the National Wildlife Federation reports, seem to prefer altitudes between 5,000 and 6,000 feet above sea level. There, in the clear, dry air, they pour forth rich songs that mark them as true members of the Oriole family.

### Wild Berry Harvest Inspires 'Recipes'

There's nothing like the full winey flavor of the wild berries in jellies, jams, pies, cobblers, and dumplings. A potpourri of recipes from Western cooks is featured in the food pages of the August *Sunset Magazine* and a companion article tells where to find wild berry patches all over the west.

Even a little of the rich, tart flavor of wild blackberries will dominate when combined with domestic berries. Many wild blackberry pies are half and half. A huckleberry Kuchen with custard and meringue topping is a perfect climax for any meal. Or try elderberry jelly sprinkled with chopped black walnuts as the filling for a chocolate layer cake. For lots of new ideas for using wild berries see the August issue of *Sunset Magazine*.

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