Orchard Oriole (Icterus spurius)



Name in Spanish:

Chichiltote castaño Bolsero castaño

What do they eat?

Mostly insects and spiders during the breeding season; also nectar, pollen, and berries in fall and winter

Where do they breed?

Eastern half of US, central Mexico

Breeding Habitat

Deciduous forest edges, orchards, farms and parks with scattered trees, in trees along streams, rivers, and lakes

Where do they winter?

Southern Mexico, Guatemala, Belize, Honduras, El Salvador, Nicaragua, Costa Rica, Panama, northern Colombia, northwestern Venezuela

Winter Habitat

Brushy areas, near forest edges, shade coffee and cacao plantations

Problems

Cowbirds; loss of winter habitat; collisions with lighted towers and other tall structures while migrating at night

Did you know?

They are important pollinators of some tropical plants (as they feed on flower nectar and pollen, some pollen sticks to their feathers and gets moved to other flowers the birds feed from).