

# WHO WILL YOU VOTE FOR?

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## BALTIMORE ORIOLE

Scientific name: *Icterus galbula*



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Voice Clear and flute-like whistled single or double notes in short, distinct phrases with much individual variation

The Baltimore Oriole, 8.75 inches long, is one of the most brilliantly colored songbirds, flaming orange and black. It is one of only two bright orange birds that we see around here (the other being the Blackburnian Warbler, which is smaller-5 inches-with an orange throat). The American Robin, very common around here, has a rusty-orange breast and flank and is bigger, at 10 inches long. Baltimore Orioles are typically seen by themselves or in small flocks in Glencoe yards and along the lakeshore at the overlook above Hazel Street beach. Their unique bag-shaped hanging nests, artfully woven from plant fibers, are familiar sights in shade trees. These nests are very distinctive and quite noticeable in winter, when leaves are off the trees.

They have a varied diet, foraging for beetles, grasshoppers, spiders, snails, and larvae among foliage of trees and shrubs. They eat oranges and other fruit from special feeders with wire hooks to hold the fruit. They especially like caterpillars, including hairy types avoided by many other birds. They also visit flowers for nectar and will come to sugar-water feeders.

How Climate Change Will Reshape the range: It will be degraded throughout its current range, especially at the western end.

Overall species vulnerability status: Low

+35.6° Fahrenheit warming species vulnerability: a 15% range loss, especially at the western end

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