

Non-adult Orchard Oriole and Baltimore Oriole.

The two species sometimes appear about the same size, but Baltimore's generally come off looking a little bulkier, and are in fact well over an inch larger even in wingspan.

Non-Adult BAOR's always have pronounced white wing bars. OROR's have thinner and more muted wing bars.

BAORs generally have more orange-ish-coloration in all plumages. OROR's are always yellowish. Sometimes color is a little deceiving, but it generally holds true in fair lighting.

Images:

[Oriole 1 = female Baltimore](#)

[Oriole 2 = female Orchard](#)

[Oriole 4= female Orchard](#)

[Oriole 7= female Orchard](#)

The same can be true for young male orioles of each species even if their head and back plumages are slightly different. Also, the young male OROR (even during their first migrating spring) will have a pronounced black bib and throat on contrasting yellowish background. BAORs don't have that. You will likely see some of these young OROR males at High Island.

[Oriole 3 = young male Baltimore Oriole](#)

[Oriole 6 = young male Baltimore Oriole](#)

[Oriole 5 = young male Orchard Oriole](#)

The nature of the wing bars, the orange-ish vs yellowish color, and perhaps the overall shape and size are your best field characteristics.

We would have bigger ID challenges in South Texas, particularly differentiating 1st -year Orchard and Hooded Orioles and even 1st-year Bullock's Oriole as all have black throats. However, for our trip to the coast, we can solely concentrate on Orchard and Baltimore Oriole.

For a more widespread look, check out <http://www.texasbirdimages.com> and take a look at the spring images of each.