

BIRD OF THE MONTH - APRIL

ORANGE-CROWNED WARBLER



Orange-crowned Warblers are small, active song birds characterized by their rapid flitting movement through foliage and their memorable songs in springtime. The sprightly, diminutive Orange-crowned Warbler is a subdued yellow with the added surprise of orange feathers occasionally flashed on its crown when surprised or agitated.

While many more strikingly colored warblers briefly migrate through Orange County on their way to northern spring breeding grounds or when returning south for warmer overwintering destinations, many Orange-crowned Warblers are local breeders, building their nests here to raise their young in our own tree-filled parks and backyards.

Listen for the distinctive high-pitched staccato trill of the male this spring as he attracts a potential mate.

A dedicated team of birders survey and tally all the birds and bird species each month producing a report viewable on the website. It's accompanied by extraordinary photos that can be a useful learning tool when preparing for a visit to the Urban Forest. It's great to know what birds can be expected each month, and a thrill to encounter them on your own.

To learn more about the fascinating range of distinctive birds appearing in the Urban Forest and along the Shipley to Shore Nature Trail, visit:

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