

BLACKBIRD, YELLOW-HOODED

RANGE:

Native to northern South America and Trinidad. Can be found in northern Columbia and Venezuela, through the Guianas and on either side of the Amazon River as far upstream as Peru.

HABITAT:

Swamps, marshes, abandoned rice fields, and in cane-like grass habitat along river banks and on islands.

SIZE:

Length: Approximately 8 – 10 inches.

REPRODUCTION:

- Females lay 2 – 3 eggs, which are incubated for 11 to 12 days.
- Several clutches may be produced throughout the breeding season.
- Females do all the incubation and most of the feeding of the young hatchlings until they are about 5 to 7 days of age. Males will then start helping with the feeding.
- Males set up breeding territories and are polygamous, mating with several females in their territory.

BEHAVIOR:

- Placed in the same family as the North American red-winged blackbird because it is morphologically and behaviorally similar.
- Nesting is done during the rainy season.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

The male is easily distinguished by its yellow hood which extends down the upper chest, while the rest of its body is black. It also has black lores.

STATUS:

Common

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Order:	Passeriformes
Family:	Icteridae
Genus:	Agelaius
Species:	icterocephalus