

VIOLACEOUS EUPHONIA

RANGE:

Venezuela & Guiana south through Amazonia in Brazil to Paraguay.

HABITAT:

Forest borders, woodlands, clearings, and gardens in non-arid locations.

SIZE:

4-1/2 inches tall and about 3 inches long.

LIFE EXPECTANCY:

Unknown

REPRODUCTION:

Breeding can occur in all months of the year. The nest is a ball of dead leaves, roots, and mosses with a side entrance. The female lays three or four eggs that she alone incubates for 14–18 days. Both parents share in feeding.

DIET:

In the wild they eat the fruit of epiphytes and in zoos they eat assorted fruits.

BEHAVIOR:

This is a gregarious bird, usually occurring in small flocks and with other tanager bird species. It spends most of its time foraging high in the treetops. It can sing a high-pitched song for several minutes. Although both sexes can imitate many other bird's songs, the male usually has a larger repertoire.

POINTS OF INTEREST:

There is a vast difference in colors between the male and the female. In the early parts of the 20th century they were possibly the most popular cage bird due to its appearance and singing. They were caught with glue and traps and placed on the market. They were sold for half a guilder.

STATUS:

This bird is now an endangered species in Trinidad due to its demand as a cage bird.

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Order:	Passeriformes
Family:	Emberizidae
Genus:	Euphonia
Species:	violacea