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New World Blackbirds (Icteridae) of Greater Grant Park

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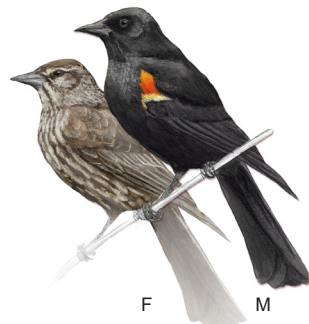
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New World Blackbirds or Icteridae are found in a diverse range of habitats, from open woodlands to marshes to grasslands. The species found in the Chicagoland area are mostly migratory where all species can be found from April to August. The Brown-headed Cowbird, Red-winged Blackbird, Eastern Meadowlark, Brewer's Blackbird and the Common Grackle are found almost year-round except for the coldest months (January-February). The Rusty Blackbird migrates north in the late winter/early spring and returns south in the fall.¹

The tree-covered plazas of Millenium Park and the museum campus are great places to look for these birds. Grassland-loving species, such as the Bobolink, can be found in the summer months at Northerly Island Preserve.²

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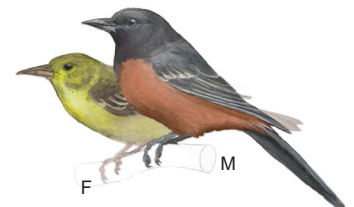
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Sargento Alirrojo
Asclepias syriaca



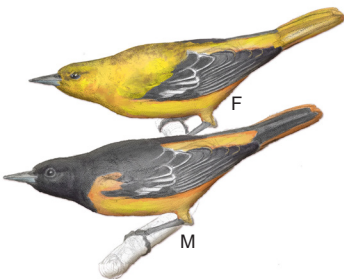
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Pradero Oriental
Sturnella magna



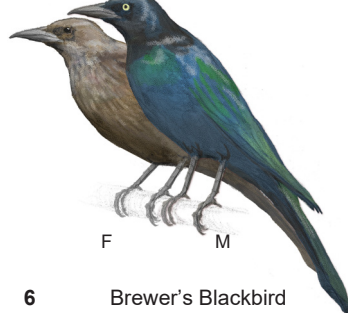
3 Bobolink
Tordo Charlatán
Dolichonyx oryzivorus



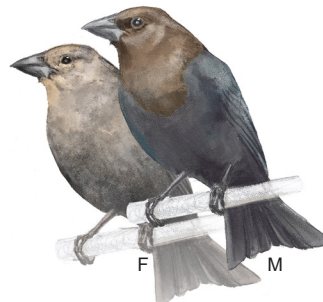
4 Orchard Oriole
Turpial Castaño
Icterus spurius



5 Baltimore Oriole
Turpial de Baltimore
Icterus galbula



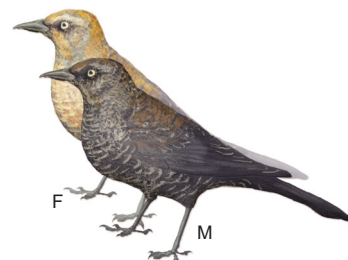
6 Brewer's Blackbird
Zanate de Brewer
Euphagus cyanocephalus



7 Brown-headed Cowbird
Tordo Cabecipardo
Molothrus ater



8 Common Grackle
Quiscalus quiscula
Zanate Común



9 Rusty Blackbird
Zanate Canadiense
Euphagus carolinus



10 Yellow-headed Blackbird
Tordo Cabeciamarillo
Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus