

Sun brings out birds' best

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special writer

With students from my Bird Study class at Schoolcraft College, I spent a June morning birding at Kensington Metropark.

We arrived about 9 a.m. and were greeted by a pair of northern orioles (formerly Baltimore orioles) nesting in a sycamore tree at the nature center parking lot.

The male was near the top of the tree preening in the warm morning sun, while the female brought food to the nestlings.

When the male was perched in the open and exposed to the direct sunlight, his orange body feathers appeared so bright they almost looked artificial. Direct sunlight allows pigment and feather structure to work together to create the most intense color.

AS WE CONTINUED along the trail, we found another bird that demonstrated this principle. An indigo bunting, a small finch, was spotted in some low bushes near the trail.

Looking at the bird in the shadows did not reveal why this species is called "indigo." But as soon as the male was exposed to sunlight, the rich, royal blue color of his feathers became evident.

Though most mammals do not perceive color the way man does, birds have excellent color perception. Some of the most colorful living creatures are birds or animals that birds eat.

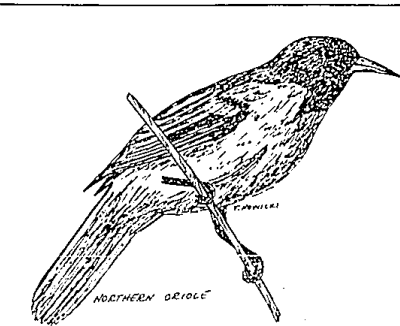
Many insects are boldly colored to alert birds and other predators to stay away because they are distasteful. These bold patterns and brilliant colors are easily remembered by a bird after it encounters a noxious insect.

IN ADDITION to observing several species of birds, we saw a number of white-tailed deer. Two young bucks with their early antler growth in thick velvet ran across an open field right in front of us. Their reddish summer coats glowed in the sunlight just like the feathers of the birds we saw.

In order to see and appreciate the variety and patterns of color in wildlife, it is best to see them in open sunlight.

Our last example of this phenomenon was the male eastern bluebird we saw by its nest box. Only when he flew into the open did we see the blue that makes him so attractive.

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Local colleges play key training role

Michigan's community colleges will be heavily involved in new, intensified, coordinated efforts to retrain Michigan's workforce, college representatives and state officials said last week.

The community college leaders met with Dr. Philip E. Runkel, state superintendent of public instruction, and other state job development leaders. The occasion was the annual planning conference of the Community Colleges Network for Economic Development and Job Training.

"I commit to you a stronger partnership than we have ever had," said Runkel. "We think you are the most important new ingredient in education in the state — we need to work together. There needs to be a partnership."

Runkel said efforts in the state to coordinate education in partnership will be increased, and that the role of

K-12 education and community colleges will be defined.

BOTH RUNKEL and Philip H. Power, chairman of the Michigan Job Coordinating Council and member of the Governor's Commission on Higher Education, said that the state will be helping to coordinate all job development agencies.

Power, owner of Observer & Eccentric Newspapers, said an inventory by the Governor's Office of Job Training has shown that there are nine state departments operating 35 different training programs at a cost of \$650 million annually.

In response to a question about the new programs, Runkel suggested: "We could even borrow money, look at bonding for equipment and pay it off with long term debt. I support that if

we could be assured that the outcome was there, that people would be productive in jobs, that productivity would be increased."

"We've got to find ways to bring together members of the community college community and faculty statewide to share ideas," Runkel said.

"We should be bringing all these people together in a series of meetings. If we can develop a record of placement, matching people with jobs, we can make a big difference."

Power said the state must target training money on the type of jobs which are anticipated in this state five to 10 years in the future.

DR. JACK Russell of the Governor's Cabinet Council on Jobs and Economic Development said the community colleges will be asked to participate in the

state's new technology deployment service.

"The technology deployment service will work with medium-sized and small Michigan manufacturers that are modernizing their production technology," he said.

He explained that the technology deployment service will qualify selected manufacturers for employee training required by the new technologies. "Community colleges will play a strong role in providing such training," Russell said.

The community college network, headed by Barbara Bidersveld, agreed to intensify efforts in marketing the industrial training services of community colleges and to step up development of staff. State corporations will be contacted to increase awareness of the training services of community colleges.

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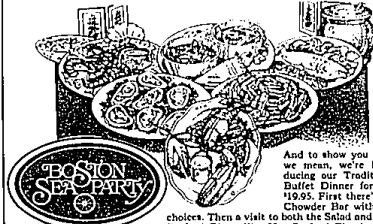
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