

The height of oriole nests above the ground ranged from 4.5 to 22 m in the random sample of 70 nest sites. In elms, the nest height ranged from 4.5 to 21 m (mean =  $10.6 \pm 0.5$  m) while in sugar maple, nest height ranged from 8.5 to 22 m (mean =  $13.0 \pm 1$  m). The difference in nest height between the elms and sugar maples was not significant ( $\chi^2$ ,  $p < .05$ ). Nest tree height varied from 12.7 to 29 m in the random sample of 70 nest sites. The height of elms varied from 15 to 27 m (mean =  $20.1 \pm 0.5$  m) while sugar maple height ranged from 12.7 to 29 m (mean =  $19.4 \pm 1.2$  m).

The ground cover beneath the nest (based on the 70 random sample nest locations) included: 34% lawns, but nests occurred over paved road-surface almost as often (28%). Nests were built over grazed pastures, road shoulders and uncut grass less frequently. Among the miscellaneous habitats found below nests were a dirt road, a road shoulder adjoining a cornfield, a cultivated field, a lightly grazed pasture with shrubs, and a secondary forest stand of red maple (12–15 m tall).

Results of our studies confirm that Northern Orioles tend to select elms to nest in more frequently than other species of trees in which they were seen to nest. It did not appear that Northern Orioles had selected nesting sites on the basis of the surface below them although any nests in a roadside sample of this kind would have a high probability of occurring over rather open surfaces such as road surfaces and lawns.—RUDOLPH L. GRAF, Box 450, Wisconsin Dept. of Natural Resources, Madison, 53701; and FREDERICK GREELEY, Dept. of Forestry and Wildlife Management, Univ. of Massachusetts, Amherst, 01002. Accepted 9 Feb. 1976. Page costs paid.

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