

# Northern Red Bishop

*Euplectes franciscanus*

Native to northwest and eastern Africa; introduced to and established in Puerto Rico, Bermuda, and across the United States. Currently found in California, Arizona, New Mexico, Texas, Wisconsin, and in the Mid-Atlantic States. Inhabits open savanna habitats with tall shrubs and trees.

## Keys to Identification

### Adult Description

- Small weaver finch.
- Bright orange body and black belly.
- Long, orange-red uppertail coverts.
- Short, brown tail.

### Cool Facts

- It is also known as the Orange Bishop, Red Bishop, Grenadier Weaver, Orange Bishop Weaver, and Orange Weaver.
- It was formerly regarded as a subspecies of the Southern Red Bishop of the southern half of Africa. The two are now usually classified as separate species.
- The Northern Red Bishop was first described in 1789 by Paul Erdmann Isert, a German botanist.

