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UNUSUAL INTERACTION BETWEEN TWO JUVENILE PUERTO RICAN STRIPE-HEADED TANAGERS AND ADULT BLACK-COWLED ORIOLES

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ON APRIL 23, 1999 WE observed a pair of adult Black-Cowled Oriole (*Icterus dominicensis*) feeding two young Black-Cowled Orioles and two juvenile Puerto Rican Stripe-headed Tanager (*Spindalis portoricensis*). This observation occurred at a mango tree (*Mangifera indica*) in Camino Los González just north of road PR 146 Km. 16.4 of Barrio Frontón in the municipality of Ciales, Puerto Rico. At first, we observed the two adult orioles feeding their young. Approximately three minutes later we observed two

juvenile Puerto Rican Stripe-headed Tanagers begging for food. The pair of tanagers followed and begged the orioles for food. There were no adult tanagers heard or seen in the area. We timed one of the feeding episodes, when the adult orioles fed the two tanagers and the two young orioles four times in four minutes. Among the food items that the orioles gave to the tanagers were a moth and a worm. We observed this behavior for 15.5 minutes, after which the birds moved out of sight.

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