

Taveta Golden Weaver

Ploceus castaneiceps

Class: *Aves*

Order: *Passeriformes*

Family: Ploceidae

Characteristics:

The male is bright yellow with a black bill while the female is more olive-colored with dusky streaks and a horn-colored bill. They are named in part for the bright yellow plumage ([Lincoln Park Zoo](#)).

Behavior:

Taveta golden weavers live in noisy groups with other weavers. They will also breed and nest in colonies.

Reproduction:

The male uses his beak to weave intricate ovoid nests, usually over water. Females choose a male based on his weaving skills and will then lay two to three glossy dark olive green eggs.

Diet:

Wild: Seeds

Zoo: Seeds

Conservation:

Common throughout their range so they are classified by IUCN as Least Concern.

FYI:

Weavers in general get their name from the elaborate nests they construct.



Range & Habitat:

Prefers swampy or forested areas and lives along the east coast of Africa from Kenya to Tanzania.



Lifespan: up to 20 years in captivity, average 10 years in the wild.

Special Adaptations: Strong claws and beaks enable them to build elaborate nests.

IUCN Conservation Status:

Least Concern

