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"Unnamed"

A yellow and black bird came to the apricot tree  
this morning. I'd not seen it  
before, in any of the yards here. I expect  
to see such birds in the eastern woods,  
not in these relatively arid tracts.

I couldn't identify it. *Grosbeak?* I had  
no Guide, only gloomy thoughts  
of no specific origin.

The bird stayed for no more than seconds.  
It had a chunk of black on its throat,  
like a thumbprint. Its wings never  
were quiet.

Then it flew off, shrieking,  
and the branch it was perched on joined  
the swaying of the other limbs  
in a breeze. All  
but silent like my thoughts. Early in the day.  
The jays' romping I could hear.

--by David Wyatt