

DICKCISSEL IN  
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

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On November 30, 1938, at my banding station at Wyncote, Montgomery County, Pennsylvania, a bird was trapped and after careful comparisons with description in Chapman, Eaton, and Forbush, was identified as Dickcissel, *Spiza americana americana*. The study skins in the collection of The Academy of Natural Sciences of Philadelphia were afterwards looked over, and my wife and I have no doubt of our identification's being correct.

The following descriptive notes, made from the bird in hand, were written by Mr. Edward H. Parry, who assisted my wife in her identification:

Top of head olive-brown, with inconspicuous blackish streaks—not forming lines—caused by black central shafts (with yellowish edges); yellow line over eye; very pale spot before eye; lower lid white; a yellow line down from mandible, whiter at beginning and end; bill pinkish brown, tips and maxilla darker; throat gray; breast yellow; under parts gray with touch of yellow here and there; black line bordering yellow line from mandible on inside and on upper side of yellow on breast; a few black streaks in yellow on breast; chestnut wing-coverts; yellow edge of wings (suggestion of chestnut); much yellow under edge of wings; two or three black streaks on gray flanks; tail slightly forked.

The bird was banded and released.

This is the only record I can find for Montgomery County in recent years; however there are recent records in adjoining Delaware County and Cape May, New Jersey.