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June 6, 1998

On this date I visited the property of a fellow birder in Dauphin County, Nancy Cladel, because Nancy had reported a Dickcissel. The property is in East Hanover township at the eastern edge of the county, an area that is farmland turning into country estates. The address is 412 S. Meadow Lane, Hummelstown, PA, 17036.

Nancy gave me directions to where she had seen it. I found it singing just a foot or two off the ground in a little pine tree, at the edge of a neighboring farm field planted in some kind of grain crop. Although I could not see the back half of the bird, I saw enough to confirm Dickcissel. It was a streaky sparrow-like head and back, with a light colored line through the eye and a thick gray bill. Overall size was about like a House sparrow, though I couldn't see the whole length. At the throat there was a black spot, with a yellow streak extending down the midline of the breast from the black spot to the belly. There were no other marks on the light grayish breast. I could also see a chestnut color at the shoulder area of the wing. The song was a three-note song, with equal emphasis on each note, and the third note slurred downward.

Grace Randolph

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*I viewed this bird with my Zeiss 10x40 binoculars  
from a distance of about 10-15 feet,*

*Grace J. Randolph*

# Pennsylvania Ornithological Records Committee

## Voting Tabulation - Round One

Species: Dickcissel (*Spiza americana*)

Date of Sighting: 5 June 1998 to 7 June 1998

Location: HERSHEY NORTH

County: DAUPHIN

Observer(s): Grace Randolph, Nancy Cladel

Date of Submission: 1998

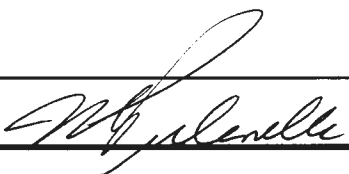
Submitted by: Grace Randolph, Nancy Cladel

WRITTEN DESCRIPTION YES PHOTO YES SPECIMEN NO RECORDING NO

Member	Class I	Class II	Class III	Class IV-A				Abstain
					Class IV-B	Class IV-C	Class V	
D. Couchman	X							
T. Floyd								X
P. Hess	X							
R. Ickes	X							
J. McWilliams	X							
B. Reid			X					
P. Rodewald	X							
TOTALS	5		1					1
DECISION	X							

Comments: 6/0/1

Signature (Secretary):



Date:

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