

Species: DICKCISSEL

Record No. 604-12-17

Location: FENK ROAD
County: TILLAMOOK
Date(s): NOVEMBER 12, 2012

Reporters	details	slides	prints	tapes
<u>SUSAN NORRIS</u>	<u>C</u>		<u>A-B</u>	

Specimen no. & location _____

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Single rept. sighting _____
Multiple rept. sighting _____

Not accepted _____
origin questionable _____
exotic not estab. _____

Records split _____

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Disposition

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Tape File _____

Duplicate File
details C
slides _____
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tapes _____

Date reporter(s) notified: 4-3-13

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DICKSISSEL

1. Observer

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2. Bird identification

Dickcissel - 1

3. Dates

Nov. 12, 2012 12:42pm

4. Location

Fenk Rd W., about 1/2 mile from Netarts Hwy 131 also known as 3rd St.

Tillamook, OR This is a gravel/dirt road in a farming area, next to a canal. To the South and West of the Trask River.

5. Details

I did not know what this bird was when I saw it or took the pictures. It was in the same general vicinity as 5-6 Golden Crowned Sparrows, all of which were foraging in the small tree/big bush that pictures were taken of. It seemed slightly larger than the Golden Crowns and had a larger bill which made me think it was different. I believe it flew to the tree, then hopped from one branch to the one I took the pictures of. I could only get the two shots before it flew East towards the Trask River. I did not try to follow and did not stay to see if it came back.

When I got home and looked at the pictures on my computer, I could definitely see that this was not a Golden-crowned; the bill was too large and it had a white bib and yellow breast. I checked by Birds of Oregon book and Stokes Birds book but could not find a match. I did a search on "birds with conical bills" and got the Whatbird link:

http://www.whatbird.com/browse/objs/All/birds_na_147/102/Bill%20Shape/11041/Cone/default.aspx

I looked at each bird on this list and stopped at Dickcissel which matched the size and identifying marks. Since I had never seen one before and since it is not common in the West, I posted the images to BirdFellow and made a post to OBOL asking others for their input. The consensus was that it was a Dickcissel.

I don't remember any singing from this bird or others.

This is the first time I had been down this road and I was searching for White-tailed Kites that had recently been spotted (not found). The weather was overcast, semi-warm and not raining but there was a lot of water around. There had been a pretty good storm the day before. I was in my car and about 20 feet from bird.

At a cattle farm about 200 feet south of the site, there were literally hundreds of Starlings.

6. Photos and recordings

I have already sent you the two photos that I got. Unfortunately, no video.

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