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IDAHO BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE
RARE BIRD REPORT FORM

SPECIES:

Dickcissel

HOW MANY:

one

REPORTER:

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OTHER OBSERVERS:

Cliff Weisse
Darren Clark

DATE REPORT PREPARED:

24 July 2006

DATE SIGHTING OCCURRED:

30 June 2006

LOCALITY OF OBSERVATION:

Ashton Idaho, Doug Irwin's back yard.

HABITAT:

grassy yard adjacent to a hayfield being mown.

CONDITIONS:

Clear, calm, distance to bird from 20 yards to 5 yards. Optics were Swift 8 x42 ultralight binoculars.

DID YOU TAKE NOTES?:

Yes, later the same day

DID YOU CONSULT FIELD GUIDE OR OTHER REFERENCES?:

Yes, during the observation

WHAT GUIDE(S) OR REFERENCE(S) DID YOU CONSULT?:

NGS 3rd edition

DESCRIPTION:

Small song bird. Yellow supraloral, black malar, black throat, yellow breast.

BEHAVIOR:

Perched on telephone wire, and flew into a nearby tree in response to my recorded song.

HOW AND WHEN DID YOU POSITIVELY IDENTIFY THE BIRD, AND WHAT CLINCHED THE IDENTIFICATION FOR YOU?

There was a report of the bird in this locale. I played a recording of the song off and on for about 45 minutes with no response. Shortly after Cliff arrived, though, the bird did respond to the recording and perched on an overhead wire. After we made the ID visually, the bird began to sing, confirming the ID. Shortly after that, Darren also arrived. All three agreed on the ID of this bird.

HOW DID YOU ELIMINATE SIMILAR SPECIES, AND WHAT WERE THEY?

I obtained a recording of the bird singing, which I will attach as a sound file.

EXPERIENCE WITH THIS SPECIES (AND SIMILAR SPECIES):

I've seen it a few times in the midwest.

GENERAL BIRDING EXPERIENCE:

Birding for the past 10 years. I consider myself an intermediate level birder.

WERE PHOTO(S), VIDEO, AND/OR AUDIO OBTAINED BY YOU?:

Audio