

the number of years Dickcissels were recorded on each route, number of years each route was run, and the total number of Dickcissels seen or heard on each route: Adams (3,11,4), DeSoto (9,11,37 and 6,11,20), Holmes (6,7,61), Humphreys (8,8,131), Jefferson (3,11,7), Lincoln (1,9,1), Marion (1,11,1), Monroe (5,5,109), Montgomery (1,8,1), Noxubee (5,8,55), Tunica (4,4,269 and 11,11,464), and Webster (2,4,2). Casual breeding is suggested by the above records for the Yazoo Delta and for the Black Prairie belt in northeast Mississippi.

Alfred O. Gross (in Bent 1968) described the Dickcissel as "very erratic in its distribution. Its numbers, even in the center of its nesting range, fluctuate greatly from year to year. A locality may have an abundance of Dickcissels, only to have them disappear in a few years." In western Hinds County, in recent years, I have observed male Dickcissels calling at several different locations during May and early June. On the Interstate-20 interchange at Bolton in 1977, I saw a male calling from a signpost on several occasions. Twice its mate was present in a nearby growth of vetch, weeds, and grasses. I searched the area for a nest but failed to find one. On 14 May 1978, I saw 3 or more singing males at the same interchange and in a nearby cornfield that was growing up in weeds and vetch. Another singing male was seen in an overgrown, weedy area adjoining a ryegrass pasture south of Brownsville. These observations and the above-cited nesting record extend the known nesting range of the Dickcissel to central Hinds County.

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A Late Nesting of the Carolina Wren in Hinds County

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On 5 August 1978 I discovered a nest of the Carolina Wren (*Thryothorus ludovicianus*) on a narrow ledge between 2 studs of the garage wall at my home in Jackson, Mississippi. The typical nest contained 3 eggs when found and on 8 August a wren was incubating 4 eggs. On 22 August the nest held 3 newly-hatched young and one egg. That egg hatched on the following day. When I placed a finger in the nest on 4 September, all 4 nestlings flew the width of the garage, or more, and scampered to places of concealment. I know of no later nesting record for this species.