



*Maintaining a feeder that hosts primarily Brown-headed Cowbirds and House Sparrows can bring surprises. This winter, Blendon Woods Metropark in **Franklin** County hosted a Dickcissel, along with the more expected species. Initially identified by Gene Stauffer on 14 December 2008 and staying through February 2009, this individual was photographed on 08 January 2009 by Bob Foppe. Most Dickcissels spend the winter in the seasonally flooded grasslands, or llanos, of Venezuela*

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*Many of the White-winged Crossbills that appeared in Ohio this winter were quite tame, much to the delight of this state's many talented photographers. This bird was photographed by George Sydlowski on 16 February 2009 at Swan Creek Cemetery in Monclova, **Lucas** County.*

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