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## Dickcissel Found Breeding in Coastal South Carolina

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At 1030 h on 22 May 1988, S. C. Langston and I discovered the nest of a pair of Dickcissels (*Spiza americana*) at Patriot's Point, Mt. Pleasant, Charleston County, S.C. The nest, approximately 15 cm in diameter, contained five fresh blue eggs; and was located 40 cm above the ground in a small weed. The nest was located in a field dominated by mixed clovers (*Trifolium* spp.) 10-60 cm in height, with scattered small Red Mulberry (*Morus rubra*), Tamarisk (*Tamarix gallica*), *Baccharis* sp. and Hackberry (*Celtis laevigata*) trees about 1-3 m tall.

Prior to this record, the Dickcissel was considered a rare and erratic summer resident in the middle and upper portions of South Carolina with the first recent indications of breeding being from Spartanburg (Cannon, 1956). On the coast, however, the Dickcissel was considered a very rare and erratic winter visitor (Sprunt and Chamberlain, 1949). This record constitutes the first known nesting of this species on the South Carolina coast. The nearest previous breeding locations have been about 150 km from the coast in Aiken and Richland counties.

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