

LOUISIANA BIRD RECORDS COMMITTEE

REPORT FORM

This form is intended as a convenience in reporting observations of species on the Louisiana Bird Records Committee (LBRC) Review List. The LBRC recommends the use of this form or a similar format when submitting records for review (to assure that all pertinent information is accounted for). Attach additional pages as necessary. Please print or type. Attach xerox of field notes, drawings, photographs, or tape recordings, if available. Include all photos for more obscurely marked species. When completed, mail to Secretary, Louisiana Bird Records Committee, c/o Museum of Natural Science, 119 Foster Hall, Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, LA 70803-3216.

1. English and Scientific names: *Pyrrhuloxia*, *Cardinalis sinuatus*
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage): 1
Female type
3. Locality: Parish: *Jefferson Davis*
Specific Locality: *Wild Rd.*
4. Date(s) when observed: *12.18.15*
5. Time(s) of day when observed: *~1010-1030*
6. Reporting observer and address: *Dan O'Malley*
7. Other observers accompanying reporter who also *identified* the bird(s): *Donna Dittman, Steve Cardiff*
8. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
9. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): *Seen and photographed in good light (ie sun behind observer). Bird partially in shade.*
10. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): *Swarovski EL 10x42, new. Canon 7D Mark II with 100-400mm 4.5-5.6 lens, good.*
11. Distance to bird(s): *As close as 10 meters.*
12. Duration of observation: *<2 minutes during each of three encounters*
13. Habitat: *Wooded fence line/road side in agricultural landscape.*

14. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Initially seen flying off of ground away from observer into a small tree at about head height. Seen briefly in binoculars to confirm identification, but dropped out of sight while drawing camera. Did not respond to Pyrrhuloxia song, or pishing, but popped up almost immediately in response to Pyrrhuloxia chip notes at which time it was photographed. Once joined by SWC/DLD, the bird again responded to chip note recording and offered obstructed views and additional photo opportunities.

15. Description (include only what was actually seen, *not what "should" have been seen*; include if possible: total length/relative size compared to other familiar species, body bulk, shape, proportions, bill, eye, leg, and plumage characteristics. Stress features that separate it from similar species): Gray cardinalid with long red tail, red in primaries, and long red crest. Short, stubby, and rounded yellowish bill.

16. Voice: N/A

17. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Female Northern Cardinal by bill shape and color, ground color to plumage, and length of crest.

18. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes Dan O'Malley

19. Previous experience with this species: One in the San Antonio area and numerous birds in Big Bend area.

20. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification):

a. at time of observation: Sibley's phone app.

b. after observation: Sibley's, Nat Geo

21. This description is written from: _____ notes made during the observation (_____ notes attached?); _____ notes made after the observation (date: _____);
___x___ memory.

22. Are you positive of your identification if not, explain: Yes

23. Date: ___ 2/4/16 _____ Time: ___ 1034 ___

24. May the LBRC have permission to display this report or portions of this report on its website? _____ Yes _____

If yes, may we include your name with the report? _____ Yes _____

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