

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Pyrrhuloxia (Cardinalis sinuatus)
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1, female
3. Parish:
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:
Trosclair Rd., 2.7 mi W of Oak Grove (29.78684, -93.16047)
5. Date(s) when observed: 4 January 2026
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 4:45 pm
7. Reporting observer: Erik I. Johnson
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Deanna and Gordon Griggs, met up with Billy Finnie and Charlotte Chehotsky at the site.
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Kevin Leigh found the bird about an hour earlier while covering his sector of the Creole CBC.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Sunny, sun setting to the WSW, giving warm late afternoon light opposite the bird.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex 10x42 Razor binoculars, Nikon D7200 DSLR camera with 150-600 mm f/4.5-6.3 Sigma lens. Both in good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): About 50-80 feet
13. Duration of observation: About 5 minutes
14. Habitat: Coastal scrub/disturbed chenier between two artificial ponds

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Perched up in small trees and shrubs, flushing as we neared, but flying a few dozen feet away, and repeating to perch up. This happened three or four times as we tried to get photos for documentation.

16. 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):

A very "gray" cardinal-shaped bird. Bill dull yellowish, a little smaller and duller than Northern Cardinal, with more curved culmen and extra deep notch along the tomium. Primaries lined with red, but otherwise the bird was mostly gray (including tail, pointed crest, and wing coverts).

17. Voice: Not heard

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Superficially similar to Northern Cardinal, but see #16.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?): Yes, mine are attached.

20. Previous experience with this species: I briefly saw this species the first time it was found in LA, but have also seen several times out west.

21. Identification aids: (list books, illustrations, other birders, etc. used in identification): None.

22. Identification aids used when? None used

23. Are you positive of your identification? If not, explain: Yes.

24. Date report completed: 23 January 2026

25. May the LBRC have permission to display in whole or in part this report and accompanying photos on the LOS-LBRC website and LBRC Facebook page?

Yes

26. If yes, may we include your name with the report?

Yes





