

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
3. Parish:
Cameron
4. Specific Locality:
Trosclair Road west of Rutherford Beach Rd. 29°47'12.3"N 93°09'35.3"W
5. Date(s) when observed: 1.13.2026
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 9:16 am
7. Reporting observer: Kathy Rhodes
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Charlotte Chehotsky, Mike Rhodes
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
Dr. Van Remsen, Andrés Cuervo, Ezra Garber, and Dan Lane. When we arrived they were walking away and pointed to where the bird was last seen.

The bird was originally found by Kevin Leigh on the Creole Christmas Bird Count.
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Party Cloudy, but clear
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Nikon Coolpix B600 camera and Nikon Prostaff 3s Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 30-40 feet
13. Duration of observation: 5-10 minutes
14. Habitat: Scrubby bushes on roadside

15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was eating, flying from the bush to the ground and back. It flew across the road to another bush and lit on a branch a while.

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):

Bird is similar to a Northern Cardinal but bulkier and mostly gray with some reddish area on wing. Peaked crown.

17. Voice: I did not hear it.

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation): Northern Cardinal. Obvious difference in coloration and size.

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):
Myself, Kathy Rhodes

20. Previous experience with this species: I've seen the bird before on a trip to West Texas Davis Mountains in August 2023.

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

22. Identification aids used when?
At time of sighting

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

24. Date report completed:
1.14.2026

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

