

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 Parish
4. Specific Locality:
Trosclair Rd (29.7868950, -93.1593572)
5. Date(s) when observed: January 5, 2026
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 2:00pm CST
7. Reporting observer: James Smithers
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
Kurt Ongman
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light): Overcast viewing conditions with light fog coming in from the west
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Leica Trinovid 8x42 Binoculars
12. Distance to bird(s): 10-15 ft
13. Duration of observation: 20 minutes
14. Habitat: low shrub bordering a pond in coastal marsh
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Bird was moving throughout shrubs during entire observation; flew across the highway once to the grassy roadside where it was feeding on seeding plants

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):

Gray-ish/brown Cardinal type bird with minimal red markings in wings; thick/short bill and thin feather crest

17. Voice: Giving metallic "cheek" notes in response to NOCA playback

18. Similar species (include how they were eliminated by your observation):

NOCA eliminated by overall size and shape of bird; limited crest; and lacking conical bill of NOCA

19. Photographs or tape recordings obtained? (by whom? attached?):

Photographs attached by James Smithers

20. Previous experience with this species: Extensive experience with this species by both observers from birding AZ, NM, and TX

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

N/A

22. Identification aids used when?

None used

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

1/10/2026

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



