

CBC RARE BIRD DOCUMENTATION FORM

Submitted as documentation of (check all that apply):

x Unusual Species Unusual Date Unusual Habitat

MOST IMPORTANT: On back of form give complete details of this observation. Use additional sheets as needed. Include information on the bird's plumage, shape, size, vocalizations, habitat, behavior, etc. Describe exactly what you saw; include photocopies of your original notes and sketches. Name the species that you considered ID contenders; explain how you eliminated them.

Count Area: Silver City, NM CBC circle

Species - *Cardinalis sinuatus*, Pyrrhuloxia **Age:** adult **Sex:** location 1- male & female: location 2- one female

Number: Three

4. Date (s) of Observation: Dec. 19, 2015 **Time:** ~9:30 ~ 2:30 PM

5. Place: Location 1 - Broken Arrow Dr ~32.728151, -108.252498 Location 2 – SC water treatment plant end of Filaree St ~ 32.715082, -108.24102

Nearest Town: Silver City **County:** Grant County

6. Observer: Karen Beckenbach

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7. Observation Details:

Other Observers: Grant Weyburne and Sonnie Sussillo

Optics Used: Vortex Viper 10X42

Distance From Bird: 20-50 ft **Viewing Conditions:** Location 1 birds in shrubs. Location 2 clear and unobstructed

Weather, sky cover: Mostly cloudy, calm winds, about 45 °F

Photo Taken? No **Video?** No **Sound Recording?** No **Specimen?** NO

Past Experience: With this or similar species? Have seen several in the Rodeo, NM and Portal AZ area.

References or Advice Consulted: none

Was this report done from notes made during or after observation or from memory?
Memory

Signature Karen Beckenbach

Date December 31, 2015

Description: (use additional pages as needed)

Location one – In a shrubby verge between a dry stream and the road the male was calling then sat up on the top of a shrub for a brief but good view. The male was mostly pale gray, with a red crest, face, center of breast and on the edges of the wings. The bill was yellowish-orange. The female was similar but with less red and a tan bill.

Location two – the female was in sparse shrub making a chip note call. This bird was pale gray, with red crest, a bit of red on the face, breast, wings and tail. Bill was tan.