

## **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.