

LBRC Report Form

1. English and Scientific names: Junco hyemalis ssp. mearnsi; Pink-sided Junco
2. Number of individuals, sexes, ages, general plumage (e.g., 2 in alternate plumage):
1 female. Unsure of age.
3. Parish:
Caddo
4. Specific Locality:
9815 Mooringsport Latex-Road
5. Date(s) when observed: Dec 3, 2024
6. Time(s) of day when observed: 3:40pm
7. Reporting observer: J.D. Flores
8. Other observers accompanying reporter who also identified the bird(s):
N/A
9. Other observers who independently identified the bird(s):
N/A
10. Light conditions (position of bird in relation to shade and to direction and amount of light):
Good lighting. Maybe slightly backlit.
11. Optical equipment (type, power, condition): Vortex Crossfire HD 8x42 Binoculars, Panasonic Lumix FZ80 Refurbished, very good condition
12. Distance to bird(s): Approximately 40-45ft
13. Duration of observation: 2-3min
14. Habitat: Backyard feeder
15. Behavior of bird / circumstances of observation (flying, feeding, resting; include and stress habits used in identification; relate events surrounding observation): Feeding on millet underneath bird feeder. Flushed as I walked by and perched on a brush pile.

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):

Several juncos were present at the feeder, but this one stood out from the rest with its bright peachy flanks which extended up into the hood. It had brown back, dark lores, and a light gray hood with low contrast with the white breast.

17. Voice: N/A

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

Slate-colored eliminated because bright flanks fully meet the edge of the hood and female Oregon is eliminated due to how pale gray the hood is and pale pink the sides are.

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

Yes, by me.

20. Previous experience with this species: I don't have much experience with pink-sided juncos, but I am very familiar and have seen several slate-colored and Oregon juncos throughout various parts of their ranges.

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

Sibley, iNaturalist

22. Identification aids used when?

After observation

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

Yes

24. Date report completed:

Dec 3, 2024

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



