



Female song has long been known in the **Northern Cardinal**. Less well known is that cardinals sometimes sing antiphonally. In **antiphonal singing**, two individuals team up to produce what sounds to our human ears like a single song. This is distinct from simple **duetting**, in which birds sing more or less discrete songs.

The author once noticed Northern Cardinals singing antiphonally. A male sang the *woit woit woit* elements, and a female came in immediately with *chew chew chew chew chew*. It sounded like a single, coherent song. Photo by © Mia McPherson.