

## Meet a Hills Neighbor

Many residents of the North Hills prize its urban-wildland interface and enjoy seeing the birds, deer, and other wildlife that inhabit the landscape. Some residents are content to identify anything smaller than a robin as "that little brown bird" and anything larger as "a hawk." But the more curious observer of nature wants names and more information about the creature, its habitat and its behaviors. Such a neighbor is Kay Loughman.

What began as a monthly posting of bird observations on the Open Forum list serve soon evolved into a comprehensive website devoted to the wildlife seen, heard, or tracked in the North Hills area. Kay is a keen observer of nature and has become a treasured resource for local birders and wildlife enthusiasts.

Her website, Wildlife in the North Hills, is a vast resource with contributions from neighbors including sighting descriptions and photos. The site also includes PDF guides for our local birds,

butterflies, moths, wild plants, fungus and lichen, and even a section on rocks & minerals.

A continuous work in progress, do visit and check out "New this Month" in the Wildlife Gallery or browse the various resources and photographs. While you're there, note the number of contributors from your neighbors! Kay welcomes both enthusiastic and expert input from across the neighborhood. Your assistance and suggestions are welcome.

Wildlife in the North Hills is at:

<http://www.nhwildlife.net>

*Is there a Hills Neighbor you'd like to see profiled in an upcoming newsletter? We'd love to hear your nominations at [suggestions@northhillscommunity.org](mailto:suggestions@northhillscommunity.org).*



White-crowned Sparrow (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*)

Photo by Kay Loughman, September 2010