



Photos by Kay Loughman

Berkeley flatlanders see White-crowned Sparrows (*Zonotrichia leucophrys*) all year, but hill dwellers lose this species to migration every April. The birds return at the end of September to stay the winter. Adult (right) and juvenile (left).

## North Hills neighborhood wildlife sightings

*Editor's note: The North Hills district is a residential neighborhood of Berkeley and North Oakland that borders the Cal campus and a wilderness area. Roughly, the boundaries of the area are Tunnel Road, Domingo Avenue, Claremont Canyon, and Grizzly Peak Blvd. Neighbors of the area have been contributing to this wildlife list since October 2007. List compiled by Kay Loughman.*

48 bird species seen or heard during October 2010 in the North Hills neighborhood:

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk

### PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey  
California Quail

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Mourning Dove

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

Northern Flicker  
Downy Woodpecker  
Hairy Woodpecker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay  
Western Scrub Jay  
Common Raven  
American Crow

### VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

### WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLY-CATCHERS

Cedar waxwings

### THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
Western Bluebird

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird

### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
Pygmy Nuthatch

### WRENS

Bewick's Wren

### GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher

### LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

### KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

### CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
Oak Titmouse

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Pine Siskin  
American Goldfinch  
Lesser Goldfinch  
House Finch

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler  
Townsend's Warbler

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Spotted Towhee  
California Towhee

### 9 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Cabbage White  
Acmon Blue  
Orange Sulphur  
Common Buckeye  
Mylitta Crescent  
Red Admiral  
California Ringlet  
Common Checkered-skipper  
Umber Skipper

### MAMMALS AND OTHERS

Eastern Fox Squirrel  
Gray Fox  
Black-tailed Mule Deer  
Rubber Boa

Nature sighting, Oct. 30. North Hills neighbor: About 100 crows flew by my house, swarmed and landed on our tree tops, cawing up a storm. It was very exciting. Then they continued up the canyon towards Four Corners.