

FEATURES

North Hills wildlife sightings

List compiled by Kay Loughman

Editor's note: The North Hills district is a residential neighborhood of Berkeley and North Oakland. 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.

Fifty-five bird species seen or heard during November 2010 in the North Hills neighborhood:

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk (JC & ER)
Red-tailed Hawk
American Kestrel (RN)

GULLS AND TERNS

Gull (sp.) five, flying S. over my house

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (DJ)

California Quail (JC, ER, PT)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon
Rock Pigeon
Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (RF, AP, PT)
Western Screech-Owl (possible - VG)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Northern Flicker
Red-breasted Sapsucker (JC & ER)
Hairy Woodpecker
Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)
Nuttall's (JC & ER)

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe (photo)
Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay
Western Scrub-Jay
Common Raven

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLY-CATCHERS

Cedar (JC & ER)

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush
American Robin
Western Bluebird

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet



John Colbert

Rufous-crowned Sparrow (Aimophila ruficeps) in Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve. A year-round resident of steep, rocky slopes in the Berkeley hills, this species is often overlooked by all but the most alert observers.

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 (photo)
White-throated Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Rufous-crowned Sparrow (ER; photo)
Dark-eyed Junco
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee

8 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Cabbage White
Orange Sulphur
Common Buckeye
Painted Lady
Red Admiral
Vanessa (sp.)
Fiery Skipper
Umber Skipper

MAMMALS

Black-tailed Mule Deer
Coyote (PT)
Gray Fox (mob)
Fox Squirrel (mob)
Striped Skunk (MG)

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For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to: www.al-aboutbirds.org.

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