

# North Hills Wildlife Summary

LIST COMPILED BY KAY LOUGHMAN

*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. This list represents a summary of the species sited in the area during the entire year.*

## 90 Bird Species

American White Pelican  
 Double-crested Cormorant  
 Great Blue Heron  
 Turkey Vulture  
 Osprey  
 Cooper's Hawk  
 Sharp-shinned Hawk  
 White-tailed Kite  
 Red-shouldered Hawk  
 Red-tailed Hawk  
 American Kestrel  
 Gull (sp.)  
 California Quail  
 Wild Turkey  
 Rock Pigeon  
 Band-tailed Pigeon  
 Mourning Dove  
 Great Horned Owl  
 Western Screech-Owl  
 Northern Saw-Whet Owl  
 White-throated Swift  
 Anna's Hummingbird  
 Allen's Hummingbird  
 Rufous Hummingbird  
 Northern Flicker  
 Nuttall's Woodpecker  
 Red-breasted Sapsucker  
 Downy Woodpecker  
 Hairy Woodpecker  
 Black Phoebe  
 Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Western Wood-Pewee  
 Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
 Ash-throated Flycatcher  
 Steller's Jay  
 Western Scrub-Jay  
 Common Raven  
 American Crow  
 Hutton's Vireo  
 Warbling Vireo  
 Cedar Waxwing  
 Hermit Thrush  
 Swainson's Thrush  
 American Robin  
 Western Bluebird  
 Northern Mockingbird  
 California Thrasher



European Starling  
 Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 Pygmy Nuthatch  
 Brown Creeper  
 Bewick's Wren  
 House Wren  
 Blue-gray Gnatcatcher  
 Bushtit  
 Violet-green Swallow  
 Barn Swallow  
 Cliff Swallow  
 Ruby-crowned Kinglet  
 Wrentit  
 Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
 Oak Titmouse  
 Pine Siskin  
 American Goldfinch  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
 House Finch  
 Purple Finch  
 Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Yellow Warbler  
 Yellow-rumped Warbler  
 Townsend's Warbler  
 Hermit Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 McGillivray's Warbler  
 Fox Sparrow  
 Song Sparrow  
 Lincoln's Sparrow  
 White-throated Sparrow  
 White-crowned Sparrow  
 Golden-crowned Sparrow  
 Rufous-crowned Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco  
 Spotted Towhee  
 California Towhee  
 Western Tanager  
 Indigo Bunting  
 Lazuli Bunting  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Hooded Oriole  
 Brown-headed Cowbird

## 10 Reptiles and Amphibians

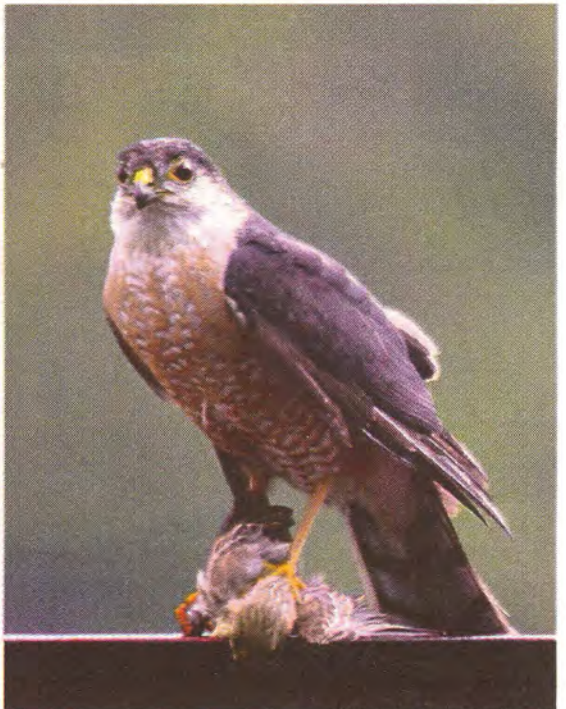
Western Terrestrial Gartersnake  
 Alameda Whipsnake  
 Rubber Boa  
 Pacific Gophersnake  
 Northern Pacific Rattlesnake  
 California Alligator Lizard  
 Western Fence Lizard  
 California Newt  
 Skilton's Skink  
 Pacific Treefrog

## 12 Marsupials and Mammals

Virginia Opossum  
 Brush Rabbit  
 Eastern Fox Squirrel  
 North American Deer mouse  
 Vole  
 Bobcat  
 Coyote  
 Gray Fox

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Clockwise from top left: Fox Sparrow (*Passerella iliaca*), This species winters in coastal California, and is more often seen scratching in the shrub-shaded dirt than taking in the view from a leafless tree;

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (*Regulus calendula*), a small, active winter visitor – the reddish color, here barely visible in the crown, identifies this individual as male; Sharp-shinned Hawk (*Accipiter striatus*), this year-round resident dines primarily on smaller birds. Here, it has just caught a House Finch. A few moments later it flew off to enjoy lunch out of camera range; Black Phoebe (*Sayornis nigricans*), our resident flycatcher, frequently seen near water, is collecting insects from under the eaves.

photos by Kay Loughman

- Red Fox
- Northern Raccoon
- Striped Skunk
- Black-tailed Mule Deer

### 38 Butterflies and Moths

- Pipevine Swallowtail
- Anise Swallowtail
- Western Tiger Swallowtail
- Pale Swallowtail
- Gray-veined White
- Cabbage White
- Large Marble
- Sara Orangetip
- Orange Sulphur
- Gorgon Copper
- Gray Hairstreak
- Western Pine Elfin
- Acmon Blue
- Echo Blue or Spring Azure
- Gulf Fritillary



- Field Crescent
- Mylitta Crescent
- Northern Checkerspot
- Chalcedon or Variable Checkerspot
- Satyr Anglewing
- California Tortoiseshell
- Painted Lady
- West Coast Lady
- Red Admiral
- Common Buckeye
- Lorquin's Admiral
- Monarch
- California Ringlet
- Mournful Duskywing
- Common Checkered-Skipper
- Fiery Skipper
- Umber Skipper
- Woodland Skipper
- Adelid (sp.) moth
- Darker Spotted Straw Moth



- Genista Broom Moth
- Neoterpes edwardsata - moth
- Sicya (sp.) – moth

Photo galleries, monthly bird lists cumulated, and pictures of most of the species on this list can be seen at [www.NHWildlife.net](http://www.NHWildlife.net). For more detailed information about specific bird species, this is a good resource: [www.allabout-birds.org](http://www.allabout-birds.org)

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