

## North Hills wild life sightings for August 2011

*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.*

54 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during August 2011.

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### PHEASANTS, GROUSE,

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (PT)

Wild Turkey (DJ)

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

### VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo

### THRUSHES

American Robin

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND

### THRASHERS

California Thrasher (JC&ER)

Northern Mockingbird (JC&ER)

### NUTHATCHES

Pygmy Nuthatch

Red-breasted Nuthatch

### CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

### WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren (JC&ER)

### LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

### SWALLOWS

Cliff Swallow



*Photo by Kay Loughman*

*Lorquin's Admiral (Limenitis lorquini) on arroyo willow. This species is found most often along streams lined with willows, which are also its host plants. If you are looking at an oak tree and see a similar butterfly, consider California Sister - a Lorquin's Admiral mimic.*

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Several new pictures were added to the photo galleries during July, and have now been sorted into their appropriate albums. The photo galleries, monthly bird lists cumulated, and pictures of most of the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills. <http://www.nhwildlife.net>. For more detailed information about individual bird species, go to: [www.allaboutbirds.org](http://www.allaboutbirds.org).

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Mourning Dove



OWLS

Great Horned Owl (mob)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird  
Allen's Hummingbird

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC&ER)  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC&ER)  
Western Wood-Pewee (JC&ER)  
Black Phoebe  
Olive-sided Flycatcher

CROWS AND JAYS

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit  
CHICKADEES, TITS  
Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
Oak Titmouse

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch  
American Goldfinch (JC&ER)  
Purple Finch  
House Finch

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Wilson's Warbler  
Orange-crowned Warbler (JC&ER)  
Hermit Warbler (JC&ER)  
MacGillivray's Warbler (JC&ER)  
Black-throated Gray Warbler (JC&ER)  
Townsend's Warbler (JC&ER)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES  
Song Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Spotted Towhee  
California Towhee  
Black-headed Grosbeak (also PT)  
BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES  
AND ORIOLES  
Hooded Oriole (GD)

18 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

American Painted Lady  
Anise Swallowtail  
Cabbage White  
California Ringlet  
Common Buckeye  
Echo Blue  
Field Crescent  
Fiery Skipper  
Lorquin's Admiral (see photo)  
Monarch

Mylitta Crescent  
Orange Sulphur  
Oxeye Satyr  
Red Admiral  
Satyr Anglewing  
Umber Skipper  
West Coast Lady  
Western Tiger Swallowtail

9 MAMMAL SPECIES

Mountain Lion-probable (MM)  
Coyote (PT, EN)  
Red Fox (GS, CJ)  
Northern Raccoon (JC&ER)  
Striped Skunk (AC)  
Brush Rabbit (PT)  
Bat (PT)  
Black-tailed Mule Deer (mob)  
Eastern Fox Squirrel (mob)

1 SNAKE

Western Terrestrial Gartersnake (CT)

Looking ahead, September is the month for travel. Breeding migrants (flycatchers, grosbeaks, some warblers, etc.) will depart for warmer climes, to be replaced by wintering kinglets, sparrows and other warblers. Also, Rufous Hummingbirds often stop here for a week or two on their way south.

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