

North Hills wild life sightings for October 2011

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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.

61 BIRD SPECIES seen during October 2011

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Cooper's Hawk

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

PHEASANTS, GROUSE,

TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (DJ)

WOOD PARTRIDGES



California Quail
PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

SWIFTS

Vaux's Swift

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Northern Flicker

Downy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Red-breasted Sapsucker (JC&ER)

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC&ER)

Hermit Thrush (JC&ER)

American Robin

Varied Thrush (JC&ER)

MOCKINGBIRDS AND

THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird

California Thrasher (JC&ER)

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

Pacific (Winter) Wren (JC&ER)

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

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

Hermit Warbler (JC&ER)

Orange-crowned Warbler (JC&ER)

Wilson's Warbler

Black-throated Gray Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Fox Sparrow (JC&ER)

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

15 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Orange Sulfur

Acmon Blue

Myliatta Crescent



photo by Kay Loughman

Northern Mockingbird (Mimus polyglottus). Though the exposed location is typical, this species is seen more often in suburban flatlands than in the hills. It is well recognized for its varied original and imitative song phrases. But on this day the bird was quiet and cast a wary eye on the photographer.

Gimme Animal Shelter

BY JULIA GRISWOLD

Arianna

Little and cute, Arianna now resides at the Berkeley Animal Care Shelter and seeking an adoptive home. Just 10 months old, she's a Domestic Short Hair-brown tabby with adorable round eyes. Still a kitten at heart, Arianna can become a bit over-stimulated at times, so preferring a situation without small kids. Furthermore, she isn't always happy to see other cats at the shelter, but we think she would get along with a mellow male companion in the less stressful environment of a home.

Arianna is outgoing and affectionate, with a penchant for warm laps – perhaps even yours.



Photo by Daniel McPartlan

Now at BACS, Arianna is seeking an adoptive home.

About BACS

Berkeley Animal Care Ser-

vices (BACS) provides shelter services to animals found in Berkeley, Albany, Emeryville, and Piedmont. Not only does it provide a safe haven for homeless pets, but also it provides adoption services, advice on animal-related topics, lost and found pet reports, and free or low-cost spay/neuter vouchers for Berkeley residents. In addition to sheltering, BACS provides field services seven days a week including the enforcement of city ordinances related to animals, removal of killed or injured wildlife, impoundment of stray pets, and investigation of animal-related neglect, cruelty cases. To learn more, contact BACS at 981-6600 or go to www.cityofberkeley.info/animalservices.

Satyr Anglewing
Monarch
Common Buckeye
West Coast Lady
Painted Lady
American Painted Lady
California Ringlet
Fiery Skipper
Umber Skipper
Woodland Skipper

MAMMALS

Eastern Fox Squirrel
Striped Skunk (KL, BMc, MG)
Red Fox (JC&ER, LH)
Black-tailed Mule Deer

Contributors: JC=John Colbert, MG=Marilyn Goldhaber, DJ=Don Jacobus, BMc=Bill McClung, and ER=Erica Rutherford. JC&ER reported seeing 50 bird species in the neighborhood (mostly on their regular hike up from Stonewall and along the Ridge Trail).

Looking ahead, November through January are relatively quiet times.

Fall migration has passed; spring migration won't begin until late February.

For photos, 10 were uploaded this month, and more info, go to: <http://www.nhwildlife.net>. For more detailed information about individual bird species, go to: www.allabout-birds.org.

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