

FEATURES

North Hills wild life sightings for Jan. 2012

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

49 BIRD SPECIES observed in the area during January 2012.

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Red-shouldered Hawk (JC&ER)

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

Great Horned Owl (VG, RF)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Selasphorus hummingbird

(JC&ER)

WOODPECKERS

Downy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Nuttall's Woodpecker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

American Crow

WAXWINGS AND SILKY-

FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Western Bluebird

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

ALLIES

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

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

White-throated Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Summer Tanager

MAMMALS

Striped Skunk (GK)

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Black-tailed Mule Deer



Photo by Kay Loughman

A winter visitor, this Lincoln's Sparrow (Melospiza lincolnii) has the most delicate appearance of our Bay Area sparrows. Note the pale, buff-colored wash overlaying fine streaks on the sides and upper breast.

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To see images of the native animals, and for more info, go to: <http://www.nhwildlife.net>. For more detailed information about individual bird species, go to: www.allaboutbirds.org.

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