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## North Hills wild life sightings for April 2012

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 Boulevard. Neighbors of the area have been contributing to this wildlife list since October 2007.*

64 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during April 2012.

**CORMORANTS**

Double-crested Cormorant

**HERONS, EGRETS AND BITTERNS**

Great Blue Heron

**QUAIL AND TURKEYS**

California Quail

Wild Turkey (mob)

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

Turkey Vulture

**HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES**

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

Rock Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

**OWLS**

Great Horned Owl (mob)

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

**WOODPECKERS**

Northern Flicker

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Downy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

**FLYCATCHERS**

Black Phoebe

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC&ER)

Empidonax sp.

**VIREOS**

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo (MP)

**CROWS AND JAYS**

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

American Crow (JC&ER)



Photo by Kay Loughman

*Not your typical Berkeley hills species! On a flight between larger bodies of water this Great Blue Heron (Ardea herodias) spied a residential fishpond and decided to check out the breakfast menu - from the safety of a rooftop.*

**Lincoln's Sparrow**

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting (MP)

**BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES**

Brown-headed Cowbird

Hooded Oriole (heard)

**SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES**

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

**MAMMALS AND REPTILES**

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Botta's Pocket Gopher

Eastern Fox Squirrel

California Alligator Lizard

California Newt (new species)

Gartersnake

## SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow

Barn Swallow

## CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

## LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

## NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

## CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

## WRENS

Bewick's Wren

## KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

## OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

## THRUSHES

American Robin

Western Bluebird

Hermit Thrush (JC&ER)

## MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

## WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

## NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler (both Audubon's and

Myrtle subspecies)

Wilson's warbler

Townsend's Warbler

## BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

## ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

## 18 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Large Marble

Cabbage White

Orange Sulphur

Sara Orangetip

Acmon Blue

Echo Blue

Mylitta Crescent

Field Crescent

Red Admiral

Painted Lady

American Painted Lady

West Coast Lady

Mourning Cloak

Common Buckeye

Satyr Anglewing

Umber Skipper

Vestal Tiger Moth (new species)

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