

North Hills wild life sightings for June 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.

56 BIRD SPECIES

California Quail (JC&ER)
Wild Turkey
Double-crested Cormorant (JC&ER)
Black-crowned Night-Heron (SG&LW), new species
Turkey Vulture
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Mourning Dove
Band-tailed Pigeon
Rock Pigeon
Great Horned Owl (JC&ER)
White-throated Swift (5)
Anna's Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird
Northern Flicker
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Pacific-slope Flycatcher

Olive-sided Flycatcher on nest (JC&ER)
Black Phoebe
Hutton's Vireo
Western Scrub-Jay
Steller's Jay
Common Raven
American Crow (JC&ER)
Violet-green Swallow
Cliff Swallow
Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Oak Titmouse
Bushtit
Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)
Bewick's Wren
House Wren (JC&ER)
Western Bluebird (RM)
American Robin
Swainson's Thrush
Northern Mockingbird
California Thrasher (JC&ER)
Wrentit
Orange-crowned Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Brown-headed Cowbird
Hooded Oriole (also DC)
House Finch

Purple Finch
American Goldfinch
Lesser Goldfinch
American Goldfinch
Lawrence's Goldfinch (JC&ER)

19 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail
Western Tiger Swallowtail
Pale Swallowtail (JR)
Cabbage White
Sara Orangetip
Large Marble
Echo Blue
Mylitta Crescent
Field Crescent
Variable Checkerspot
Northern Checkerspot
California Ringlet
Satyr Anglewing
Common Buckeye
Painted Lady
Red Admiral (AC)
Lorquin's Admiral
Monarch
Umber Skipper

8 MAMMAL SPECIES

Black-tailed Mule Deer
Eastern Fox Squirrel
Striped Skunk
Northern Raccoon (roadkill)
Virginia Opossum (roadkill)
Bobcat (EA)

Gray Fox (PT)
Red Fox (JB, D&CG, PG, RT),
all reported as seen in Vicente Canyon

In the list above, Loughman has given credit only for those species not seen by her. Contributors: EA=Elena Andreadakis, JB=Janice Barbour, DC=David Clayton, JC=John Colbert, AC=Anne Cyr, SG=Steve Goldman, PG=Penny Goldsmith, D&CG=Dana & Coleman Gross, RM=Robert MacConnell, JR=Janet Rudolph, ER=Erica Rutherford, RT=Rick Talcott, PT=Pat Thorson.

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

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Photo by Kay Loughman

Warm weather brings out the dragonflies. Usually in constant motion as she forages for insects, this female Blue-eyed Darner (Rhionaeschna multicolor) rests briefly on Italian thistle. She belongs to a group called Mosaic Darners, aptly named for the decorative pattern of stripes and spots on the abdomen.

