

FEATURES

North Hills wild life sightings for July 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.

53 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (JL, DJ)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Golden Eagle (EB)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (AC, JC&ER)

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Mourning Dove (HM & CS)

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Allen's Hummingbird

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Northern Flicker (JC&ER)

FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

Black Phoebe (JC&ER)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow

CHICKADEES, TITS

Oak Titmouse

Chestnut-backed Chickadee



Photo by Kay Loughman

Brown-headed Cowbird (Molothrus ater) chick, right, begs food from surrogate parent, a Dark-eyed Junco (Junco hyemalis). Adult female cowbirds lay their eggs in the nests of other – often smaller – birds, and leave the nest owner to incubate the egg and raise the chick.

Purple Finch

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Lawrence's Goldfinch (JC&ER)

17 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Pale Swallowtail

Western Tiger Swallowtail

Echo Blue

Cabbage White

Mylitta Crescent

Lorquin's Admiral

Common Buckeye

Painted Lady

West Coast Lady

Red Admiral

Satyr Anglewing

Monarch

California Ringlet

Mournful Duskywing

Common Checkered-Skipper

Umber Skipper

5 MAMMAL SPECIES

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Striped Skunk

Brush Rabbit (PT)

Red Fox (PG, DL)

Black-tailed Mule Deer (JB)

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

Red-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

American Robin

Swainson's Thrush

Western Bluebird

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler (JC&ER)

Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

Brown-headed Cowbird

Bullock's Oriole (PT), new species for website.

Hooded Oriole (DC, JC&ER)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

House Finch

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