

North Hills wild life sightings for August 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.

45 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)
Wild Turkey
(MM, DJ, JL, & GW)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Rufous Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird
(JC & ER)

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
(JC & ER)
Northern Flicker

FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher
Olive-sided Flycatcher
(JC & ER)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay
Western Scrub-Jay
Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee
Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch
Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

THRUSHES

American Robin

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler
Wilson's Warbler
Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)
Townsend's Warbler (JC & ER)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Song Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Black-headed Grosbeak

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole (JC & ER)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

American Goldfinch
Lesser Goldfinch
House Finch
Purple Finch (JC & ER)

4 MAMMAL & REPTILE SPECIES

Red Fox (PG, JK)
Eastern Fox Squirrel
Black-tailed Mule Deer
Northern Rubber Boa
(JC & ER)

16 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail
Western Tiger Swallowtail
Cabbage White
Common Hairstreak
Acmon Blue
Gulf Fritillary
Mylitta Crescent
Field Crescent
Satyr Anglewing
Zephyr Anglewing
(new to list)
Common Buckeye
American Painted Lady
Lorquin's Admiral
California Ringlet
Common Checkered-Skipper
Fiery Skipper



Photo by Chuck Scurich

Mourning Dove (Zenaida macroura) adult with two chicks on nest. This photo was taken on August 17. The chicks fledged six days later, and the whole family moved to more spacious accommodations atop a streetlight.

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In the next six weeks, our summer residents will migrate to warmer climes and be replaced by winter residents – watch for crowned sparrows, Hermit Thrushes, Yellow-rumped Warblers, etc.

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