

# FEATURES

## North Hills wild life sightings for September 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.*

### 58 BIRD SPECIES

#### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (also by DJ)  
Wild Turkey (DJ)

#### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

#### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Cooper's Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk  
Peregrine Falcon (JC) (new species)

#### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon  
Mourning Dove

#### OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

#### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird  
Rufous Hummingbird

#### WOODPECKERS

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

#### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher (JC&ER)  
Western Wood-Pewee  
Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
Willow Flycatcher  
Black Phoebe

#### VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo  
Warbling Vireo (JC & KHL)

#### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay  
Western Scrub-Jay  
Common Raven

#### CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee (CS)  
Oak Titmouse (CS)



*On a cooling afternoon, this Red Admiral butterfly (Vanessa atalanta) absorbed radiant heat from a composite driveway.*

Song Sparrow (CS)  
Lincoln's Sparrow  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow (also JC & ER, DK)  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Spotted Towhee (CS)  
California Towhee  
Western Tanager  
Black-headed Grosbeak

#### 17 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail  
Western Tiger Swallowtail  
Cabbage White  
Gulf Fritillary  
Mylitta Crescent  
Field Crescent  
Satyr Anglewing  
Common Buckeye  
Painted Lady  
Red Admiral  
California Sister  
Lorquin's Admiral  
Monarch  
California Ringlet  
Common Checkered-Skipper  
Umber Skipper  
Fiery Skipper

#### MAMMALS

Black-tailed Mule Deer (mob)  
Red Fox  
Eastern Fox Squirrel  
Striped Skunk (DJ)

#### LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

#### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

#### CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

#### WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren (JC & ER)

#### OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

#### THRUSHES

Swainson's Thrush

American Robin

#### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

#### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch (CS)

House Finch (CS)

#### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)

Wilson's Warbler

#### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

#### ALLIES

Chipping Sparrow (new species)

Fox Sparrow (JC & ER, DK)

#### HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC=John Colbert, DJ=Don Jacobus, DK=David Kessler, ER=Erica Rutherford, CS=Chuck Scurich, mob=Many Observers

27 wildlife pictures were added to the website this month and soon will be transferred to their appropriate galleries. The photo galleries, monthly bird lists cumulated, and pictures of most of the above species can be seen online, go to [nhwildlife.net](http://nhwildlife.net). For more detailed info about individual bird species, go to [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/).

In the next few weeks, the last of 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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