



North Hills wild life sightings for December 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.

59 BIRD SPECIES

DUCKS, SWANS, GEESE

Greater White-fronted Goose

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk (RM & RN)

American Kestrel (also RM & RN, CBC)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Western Screech-Owl

Great Horned Owl

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

Downy Woodpecker (EB & PT, JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER, CBC)

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER, CBC)



Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC & ER)

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush (JC & ER, CBC)

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird (CBC)

WRENS

Pacific Wren (CBC)

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER, CBC)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrenit

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER, CBC)

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

ALLIES

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (EB & PT, JC & ER)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

OLD WORLD SPARROWS

House Sparrow (EB & PT)

BUTTERFLY

Red Admiral

MAMMALS

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Northern Raccoon (RCR)

Eastern Fox Squirrel

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EB & PT = Elaine Bild and Pat Thorson, JC & ER = John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, CBC = Christmas Bird Count team, RCR = Rachel Chodorow-Reich, RM & RN = Robert MacConnell and Robert Nelson. To view monthly bird lists cumulated and pictures of most of the



*Two winter favorites, Townsend's Warbler (*Setophaga townsendi*) and White-throated Sparrow (*Zonotrichia albicollis*) are tallied as they visit a backyard feeder during the Christmas Bird Count.*

Photo by Pat Thorson, photo-illustration by Kay Loughman

species listed above, go to nhwildlife.net. For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to allaboutbirds.org/

Winter is upon us. Essentially all of the species we've seen in December will be here through at least February.

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