

North Hills wild life sightings for January 2013

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.

52 BIRD SPECIES

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC&ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC&ER)

Common Raven

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush

Varied Thrush (photo)

American Robin (photo)

Western Bluebird (JC&ER)

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC&ER)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

NUTHATCHES

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

Red-breasted Nuthatch

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing (JC&ER)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch

House Finch

Purple Finch

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler (photo)

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Townsend's Warbler (photo)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

ALLIES

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (DK, JC&ER)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

MAMMALS

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Striped Skunk (also JK)

Bobcat (JC&ER)

Coyote (MC)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC&ER = John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, DK = David Kessler, MC = Marlane Cook, BB = Ben Bowen, and JK = Jack Kessler. Colbert and Rutherford reported 38 bird species mostly from their regular hike from Stonewall and along the Ridge Trail. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the seven species not seen by me.

Throughout February, watch for Allen's Hummingbirds – our earliest migrants.

To view monthly bird lists cumulated and pictures of most of the species listed above, go to nhwildlife.net. For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to alaboutbirds.org/

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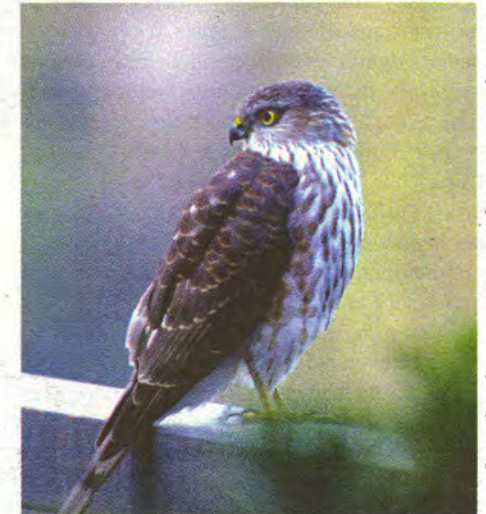


Photo by Pat Thorson, photo-illustration by Kay Loughman

This Sharp-shinned Hawk (Accipiter striatus) has been bird watching from the Loughman deck for several weeks. This species preys primarily on smaller birds; perhaps that's why this "Sharpie" thought it had arrived in heaven when it discovered the Loughman's popular bird feeder. But where did all items on the lunch menu fly?