

# North Hills wild life sightings for June 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.*

## 51 BIRD SPECIES

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND

TURKEYS

Wild Turkey

California Quail

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

OSPREY

Osprey

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon (DK)

Mourning Dove (HM)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Western Wood-Pewee (BM)

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven



American Crow

SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow (JC & ER)

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren

THRUSHES

Swainson's Thrush

American Robin

Western Bluebird (RN)

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting (JC & ER)

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

18 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Western Tiger Swallowtail (JC & ER)

Pale Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Sara Orangetip

Orange Sulphur

Echo Blue

Mylitta Crescent

Field Crescent

Variable Checkerspot

Satyr Anglewing

Oreas Anglewing \*\*

Mourning Cloak

Common Buckeye

Lorquin's Admiral

California Ringlet

Umber Skipper

Fiery Skipper

\*\* new species for the neighborhood

OTHERS

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Gray Fox (AC)

Brush Rabbit

Eastern Fox Squirrel

California Alligator Lizard (JC & ER)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford,

AC = Alexandra Cons, DK = David Kessler,

BM = Bruce Mast, RN = Robert Nelson. Be-

tween them, Kessler, Mast, Colbert and Ruther-

ford reported 44 bird species during the month.

In the list above, I've given them credit only for

the species not seen by me.

Quite a few wildlife photos 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 are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills (NHWildlife.net).



photos by Kay Loughman

*Going for dessert first, an adult male Hooded Oriole (Icterus cucullatus) visits a hummingbird feeder. More typical and nourishing items on their diet include beetles, ants, grasshoppers, caterpillars and spiders that they find near their nesting areas. Comfortable in suburban yards, this species is often associated with ornamental palm trees.*

For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/)

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