

North Hills wild life sightings for August 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.

56 BIRD SPECIES

TURKEYS, QUAIL, ETC.

Wild Turkey (also RG)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Northern Harrier ## (JC & ER)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (also DK & NM)

Red-shouldered Hawk (also JL)

Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

Selasphorus sp.

WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker ## (also AM)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe (also JL)

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC photo)

Olive-sided Flycatcher (JC & ER)

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

SWALLOWS

Swallow sp. (JC & ER)

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher ##

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Swainson's Thrush

American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler (JC)

Wilson's Warbler

Black-throated Gray Warbler (AM,

JC & ER)

MacGillivray's Warbler (JC & ER)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Chipping Sparrow ## (JC & ER, KHL)

Dark-eyed Junco

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

AND ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

13 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Acmon Blue

Polygonia sp.

Myliatta Crescent

Field Crescent

Common Buckeye

Gulf Fritillary

Red Admiral

Lorquin's Admiral

California Ringlet

Fiery Skipper

Umber Skipper

MAMMALS, REPTILES, ETC.

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Coyote (also JL & RP)

Gray Fox (PM, GS, PT)

Virginia Opossum (NM)

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Broad-footed Mole (GS)

Pacific Gophersnake (JC & ER)

Western Terrestrial Gartersnake

While not rare species in the

greater Bay Area, these birds are not

often seen in the East Bay Hills. Finding

unexpected birds in our neighbor-

hoods is one of the thrills of the migration season.

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Ruthford, MF = Marc Feldman, RG = Renee Goldhammer, DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel, JL = Jennifer Loe, AM = Amy McDonald, PM = Paul McGee, RP = Randi Plotner, GS = Gillian Servais, PT = Pat Thorson. These contributors reported at least 47 species of birds from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given JC & ER credit only for the seven species not seen by me.

Several 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 are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills (NHWildlife.net). For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: allaboutbirds.org/

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Coast Gartersnake (*Thamnophis elegans terrestris*). Common throughout the Bay Area, this snake is active during the day and may be found in a variety of habitats. Its bite is not considered dangerous to humans

Photo by Kay Loughman