

# North Hills wild life sightings for September 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.*

**60 BIRD SPECIES**

**PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS**

- California Quail (JC & ER)
- Wild Turkey

**NEW WORLD VULTURES**

- Turkey Vulture

**HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES**

- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk

**Red-tailed Hawk**

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Mourning Dove



**OWLS**

- Great Horned Owl

**SWIFTS**

- White-throated Swift

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Allen's / Rufous Hummingbird

**WOODPECKERS**

- Acorn Woodpecker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker
- Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)
- Hairy Woodpecker

**Northern Flicker**

**FLYCATCHERS**

- Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)

**VIREOS AND ALLIES**

- Hutton's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo

**CROWS AND JAYS**

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay
- American Crow
- Common Raven

**CHICKADEES, TITS**

- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Oak Titmouse

**LONG-TAILED TITS**

- Bushtit

**NUTHATCHES**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch

**CREEPERS**

- Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

- Bewick's Wren
- House Wren (JC & ER)

**KINGLETS**

- Ruby-crowned Kinglet (DK & NM)

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS**

- Wrentit

**THRUSHES**

- Western Bluebird (JC & ER)
- Swainson's Thrush (JC & ER)
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND**

**THRASHERS**

- California Thrasher

**WAXWINGS AND**

**SILKY-FLYCATCHERS**

**Cedar Waxwing**

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS**

- Orange-crowned Warbler (JC & ER)
- Yellow Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler
- Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)
- Wilson's Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler (JC & ER)

**BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,**

**TANAGERS, ALLIES**

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Fox Sparrow (JC & ER, DK & NM)
- Song Sparrow
- Chipping Sparrow (JC & ER)

**White-crowned Sparrow**

**Golden-crowned Sparrow**

**Dark-eyed Junco**

**Western Tanager**

**Black-headed Grosbeak**

**SISKINS, CROSSBILLS**

**AND ALLIES**

- Lesser Goldfinch
- Purple Finch (JC & ER)
- House Finch

**BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,**

**ORIOLES**

- Hooded Oriole

**BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS**

- Cabbage White

**Orange Sulphur**

- Mylitta Crescent
- Field Crescent
- Common Buckeye
- American Painted Lady
- Monarch
- California Ringlet
- Common Checkered-Skipper
- Umbur Skipper
- Fiery Skipper
- Genista Broom Moth

**MAMMALS**

- Black-tailed Mule Deer
- Eastern Fox Squirrel

**HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS**

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel, WW = Wendy Wilde. These contributors reported at least 51 species of birds from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the eleven 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/](http://allaboutbirds.org/) October brings the end of bird migration for the year. Most of our summer visitors have departed; most of the winter visitors are settling in. Two species still to arrive this fall are Red-breasted Sapsucker and Yellow-rumped Warbler, so watch for them!



Photo by Kay Loughman

*Warbling Vireo (Vireo gilvus ssp. swainsoni) in coast live oak. With such a name you'd expect glorious birdsong in the breeding season; but one rarely hears or even sees this species except during the fall migration when they feast on insects in the oaks and madrones.*

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