

# North Hills wild life sightings for October 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.*

## 66 BIRD SPECIES

### DUCKS AND GEESE

Greater White-fronted Goose (JC & ER)

Geese (unidentified) (JC & ER)

### TURKEYS AND QUAIL

California Quail

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Osprey (JC & ER)

Cooper's Hawk (JC & ER)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (JC & ER)

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl

### SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker (JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

### FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)

Black Phoebe

### VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC & ER, DK & NM)

Common Raven

### 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 (JC & ER)

### KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

### THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC & ER)

Hermit Thrush

Varied Thrush

American Robin

### STARLINGS

European Starling

### WAXWINGS AND

### SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow Warbler (DK & NM)

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon & Myrtle ssp.)

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)

Black-throated Gray Warbler

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

### TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Chipping Sparrow (JC & ER)

Lincoln's Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

(DK & NM)

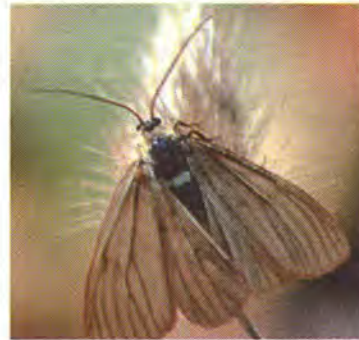


Photo by Kay Loughman

California Oak Moth (*Phryganidia californica*) on velvet grass.

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

### AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

American Goldfinch

Pine Siskin

### 14 BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

Acmon Blue

Cabbage White

Orange Sulphur

Field Crescent

Mylitta Crescent

Common Buckeye

Gulf Fritillary

Red Admiral

Monarch

Common Checkered-Skipper

Umber Skipper

Fiery Skipper

Genista Broom Moth

California Oak Moth

### MAMMALS

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Coyote

Eastern Fox Squirrel

### HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel. These contributors reported at least 58 species of birds from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the twenty 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/)

November begins the winter season for our birds. Most of the species seen this month are likely to be with us through February or March.

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