

North Hills wild life sightings for December 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.*

57 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL, TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk (JC & ER)

Red-shouldered Hawk
(JC & ER)

Red-tailed Hawk

GULLS

California Gull (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (also FP)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

(JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

(JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

(JC & ER)

Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker (Red-shafted); (Yellow-shafted)

(JC & ER)

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

VIREOS

Hutton's 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 (JC & ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

WRENS

Pacific Wren (JC & ER)

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC & ER)

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush (JC & ER)

MOCKINGIRDS AND THRASHERS

Northern Mockingbird (JC)

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler, both

Audubon and Myrtle sub-species

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow
(DK & NM)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow (RM)

Dark-eyed Junco

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

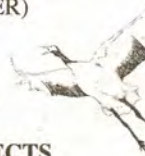
AND ALLIES

Purple Finch (JC & ER)

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

American Goldfinch



MAMMALS & INSECTS

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Coyote (JC & ER, FP)

Red Fox (RC, LK)

Northern Raccoon (FP, LK)

Eastern Fox Squirrel (HM)

Genista Broom Moth

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tributors reported at least 54 species of birds from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the eighteen 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 (www.NHWildlife.net).

January continues 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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Found as often in suburban yards as in the wilds, Eastern Fox Squirrels (Sciurus niger) investigate many possible food sources, including the fruit on this crabapple tree.



Photo by Howard Matis