

North Hills wild life sightings for August 2014 • 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.*

53 BIRD SPECIES SEEN

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk (also KT)

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk (JC & ER)

Red-tailed Hawk (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon (JC & ER, DK)

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker (JC & ER)

FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)

Black Phoebe

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo (JC & ER)

Warbling Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC & ER)

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

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

American Robin

THRASHERS AND

MOCKINGBIRDS

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

MacGillivray's Warbler (JC & ER)

Townsend's Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting

ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole (JC & ER)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

AND ALLIES

Purple Finch (JC & ER)

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

10 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Common Hairstreak

Mylytta Crescent

Lorquin's Admiral

Red Admiral

Common Buckeye

Gulf Fritillary

Fiery Skipper

Umber Skipper



MAMMALS

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Virginia Opossum

Eastern Fox Squirrel

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, DK = David Kessler, KT = Ken Tietz. These contributors reported

at least 45 species of birds and other wildlife from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the 16 species not seen by me.

Many 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 (NHWild-life.net).

September is the big month for song-bird migration. During this month the last of the migrants that breed here will depart, and those that breed elsewhere will begin to arrive. Toward the end of the month, watch for early-arriving Golden- and White-crowned sparrows. For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: www.allaboutbirds.org/

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Red-shouldered Hawk (Buteo lineatus) is identified when perched by reddish feathering at the shoulders, and in flight by pale crescent-shaped patches near the tips of the wings. Often heard before it is seen, the species is characterized by a loud, repeating "kee-ah" call.