

# North Hills wild life sightings for November 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.

## 61 BIRD SPECIES

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

- California Quail (JC & ER)
- Wild Turkey

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND K

- Turkey Vulture
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk

### GULLS

- Gull (sp.)

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove

### OWLS

- Great Horned Owl (also by AC)

### SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

- Acorn Woodpecker
- Red-breasted Sapsucker

### (DK & NM)

- Nuttall's Woodpecker (also by

### RT)

- Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Northern Flicker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Black Phoebe

### VIREOS AND ALLIES

- Hutton's Vireo

### CROWS AND JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay
- American Crow (JC & ER)
- Common Raven

### 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 (JC & ER)

### KINGLETS

- Golden-crowned Kinglet

- (JC & ER)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

### THRUSHES

- Western Bluebird (JC & ER)
- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Varied Thrush (also by TM, VG, JC)

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND

### THRASHERS

- California Thrasher (JC & ER)

### WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing (JC & ER)

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

### TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow (also by DK & NM, JC & ER)
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco (JC)
- Black-headed Grosbeak

### (also by JD)

### BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,

### ORIOLES

- Red-winged Blackbird

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

- ALLIES
- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- American Goldfinch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Pine Siskin (KHL &



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**Song Sparrow (*Melospiza melodia*)** – This common year-round resident inhabits dense, brushy areas. It pops up to vocalize and check out the action whenever something of interest comes near.

### BUTTERFLIES

- Anise Swallowtail
- Cabbage White
- Painted Lady
- Monarch
- Umber Skipper

### OTHER

- Black-tailed Mule Deer
- Covote (AP)**
- Gray Fox (AP)
- Eastern Fox Squirrel
- Skilton's Skink
- Western Fence Lizard

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These contributors collectively reported more than 50 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 12 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: [www.alaboutbirds.org/](http://www.alaboutbirds.org/)

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