

# North Hills wild life sightings for June 2015

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.*

## 55 BIRD SPECIES

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

- California Quail
- Wild Turkey

### HERONS, EGRETS, STORKS

- Great Blue Heron (CGr)

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Cooper's Hawk (BM, GZ)
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk (TA)

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Mourning Dove

### OWLS

- Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

### SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Allen's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

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

### (GC, GZ, JC & ER)

- Northern Flicker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher

### (BM, JC & ER)

- Pacific-slope Flycatcher

### (BM, JC & ER)

### VIREOS AND ALLIES

- Hutton's Vireo
- Warbling Vireo (BM, GZ)

### CROWS AND JAYS

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

### SWALLOWS

- Violet-green Swallow
- Northern Rough-winged

### Swallow (also BM)

### CHICKADEES, TITS

- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Oak Titmouse

### LONG-TAILED TITS

- Bushtit

### NUTHATCHES

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch

### (GC, JC & ER, GZ)

### CREEPERS

- Brown Creeper

### (GC, BM, JC & ER)

### WRENS

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

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

### THRUSHES

- Western Bluebird

### (BM, JC & ER)

- Swainson's Thrush
- American Robin

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND

### THRASHERS

- Northern Mockingbird



Photo by Kay Loughman

Earlier this month, a Northern Checkerspot (*Chlosyne palla*) paid homage to a yellow composite flower in the North Hills district.

### (JC & ER)

- California Thrasher

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler
- MacGillivray's Warbler

### (JC & ER)

- Wilson's Warbler

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

### TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Song Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco

### Black-headed Grosbeak

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

### ALLIES

- House Finch
- Purple Finch
- Lesser Goldfinch

### BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,

### ORIOLES

- Hooded Oriole

## 10 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

- Anise Swallowtail
- Pale Swallowtail
- Western Tiger Swallowtail
- Cabbage White
- Echo Blue
- Acmon Blue
- Mylitta Crescent
- Northern Checkerspot
- Red Admiral (JC & ER)
- Common Buckeye

## MAMMALS, ETC.

- Bat (sp.) (WDL, JL & LL)
- Eastern Fox Squirrel
- Brush Rabbit (JC & ER)
- Black-tailed Mule Deer (SS)
- Northern Pacific Rattlesnake (CGo)

## HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

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June and July are family time for our birds. You'll see them feeding young, and you'll see the nestlings fledge. Families will vacate the nest area as immature birds learn to hunt on their own.

33 wildlife pictures were added to the website during June and have now been transferred to their appropriate galleries. The photo galleries, monthly bird lists culminated, and pictures of most of the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills ([NHWildlife.net](http://NHWildlife.net)). For more detailed info about individual bird species, go to [allaboutbirds.org](http://allaboutbirds.org)

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