

20180920 Gary Nafis (californiaherps.com) says this critter is actually a juvenile alligator lizard (<i>Elegaria multicarinata</i> or <i>coerulea</i>)

North Hills wild life sightings for August 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.*

51 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Cooper's Hawk (JC & ER)

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Peregrine Falcon (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC & ER)

Common Raven

SWALLOWS

Cliff 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

GNATCATCHERS

Blue-gray Gnatcatcher (JC & ER)

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Swainson's Thrush

American Robin

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

FINCHES, SISKINS, CROSS-

BILLS AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

6 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Anise Swallowtail

Western Tiger Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Echo Blue/Spring Azure

Lorquin's Admiral

Fiery Skipper

MAMMALS, ETC.

California Slender Salamander (JC & ER)

Pacific Ring-necked Snake (JC & ER)

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Broad-footed Mole (GS)

Unidentified Rat (GS)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, GS = Gillian Servais. These contributors collectively reported at least 51 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 10 bird species not seen by me.

Fall migration of songbirds is underway. Over the next six weeks most of our summer visitors will head for southern climes, and winter residents will begin to arrive. The photo galleries, monthly bird lists cumulated, and pictures of most of the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North



Photo by Erica Rutherford

California Slender Salamander (Batrachoseps attenuatus). Typically found in coastal counties in the northern part of the state, these salamanders are most active on a damp night. At other times they rest or hide under fallen logs, bark, or even rocks.

Hills (NHWildlife.net). For more detailed info about individual bird species, go to allaboutbirds.org

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