North Hills wild life sightings for September 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

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk (JC & ER)

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon

Band-tailed Pigeon

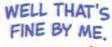
Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird





SEE PAGE 8

Rufous Hummingbird WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Willow Flycatcher

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

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

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Swainson's Thrush

Hermit Thrush (JC & ER)

American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS AND

THRASHERS

California Thrasher (JC & ER) WAXWINGS AND SILKY-

FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow Warbler

Black-throated Gray Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,

ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

3 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Cabbage White

Monarch

Umber Skipper

4 MAMMAL SPECIES

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Striped Skunk Eastern Fox Squirrel Unidentified rat



JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford. DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel.

These contributors collectively 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 nine bird species not seen by me.

Fall migration of songbirds is well underway. Over the next few weeks the last of our summer visitors will head for southern climes, and the remaining winter residents will arrive.

More than 30 wildlife pictures were added to the website during September and have now been 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 info about individual bird species, go to allaboutbirds.org



Nuttall's Woodpecker (Picoides nuttallii), male. This small woodpecker species is found almost exclusively in California, and is often associated with oak woodlands. Here, the bird hunts for insects on a eucalyptus tree in Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve.



Kay Loughman is a retired employee of Cal Libraries, a birder, a native plant gardener, and long-time resident of the Berkeley area. The North Hills Wild Life list (including photos) is published online at www. NHWildlife.net. She can be contacted at kayloughman@earthlink.net.