

# North Hills wild life sightings for October 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.*

## 62 BIRD SPECIES SEEN

### WOOD-PARTRIDGES

California Quail

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl (also AC)

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Red-breasted Sapsucker

(JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

### FALCONS

Merlin (JC & ER)

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

### VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

Warbling Vireo

### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

### CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

### LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

### 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)

Swainson's Thrush

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND

### THRASHERS

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

### WAXWINGS AND

### SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler (Audubon's & Myrtle)

Townsend's Warbler

(also DK & NM)

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

### TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon & Slate-colored)

Western Tanager

Black-headed Grosbeak

### BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,

### ORIOLES

Baltimore Oriole

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

### AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

American Goldfinch (JC & ER)

Pine Siskin

### BUTTERFLIES

Cabbage White

Monarch

Red Admiral

Umber Skipper

### MAMMALS

Eastern Fox Squirrel (MG)

Black-tailed Mule Deer

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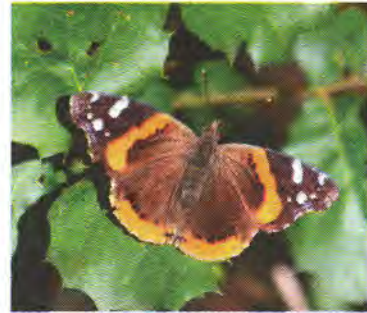


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*Red Admiral (Vanessa atalanta) on oak leaf. The striking color on the upper wings gives no hint of others in the genus, which we know as painted ladies. According to butterfly scholar Dr. Arthur Shapiro, Red Admiral has a propensity to land on people, and also is the most frequently seen butterfly in the urban Bay Area!*

Kessler & Nancy Mennel, MG = Marilyn Goldhaber, AC = Alexandra Cons.

These contributors collectively reported at least 49 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 11 bird species not seen by me.

25 wildlife pictures were added to the website during October and have since 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).

Fall migration of songbirds is essentially finished. The birds you see now are likely to be around until early spring. For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/)

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