

# North Hills wild life sightings for January 20156

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.

## 52 BIRD SPECIES

### GEESE AND DUCKS

goose(sp.)

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Cooper's Hawk (JC & ER)

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### GULLS

gull (sp.)

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Red-breasted Sapsucker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

### VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo (JC & ER)

### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

### CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

### LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushytit



### NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

### CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

### WRENS

Pacific Wren (JC & ER)

Bewick's Wren

### KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

### THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

### WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler-AUWA

Townsend's Warbler (KT)

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow (JC & ER)

White-throated Sparrow (DK & NM, JC & ER)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

Pine Siskin

### MAMMALS

Brown Rat

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Black-tailed Mule Deer

### HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford; DK & NM = David Kesler & Nancy Menzel; KT = Ken Tietz. 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 11 bird species not seen by me.

Lots of wildlife pictures were added to the website during January and have 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 ([www.nhwildlife.net](http://www.nhwildlife.net)).

In February watch for the arrival of Allen's Hummingbirds, our earliest migrating species. For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/)

Photo by Kay Loughman



*Steller's Jay (Cyanocitta stelleri) under a drought-stressed pine. Familiar visitors at campgrounds, picnic tables, and backyard feeders, these jays are a non-migratory western species, associated with coniferous forests. In addition to their loud, raucous voice, Steller's Jays also have a variety of quieter vocalizations including a song used primarily during courtship.*

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