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Town Crier: Birder puts out call for Montclair wildlife website



This Townsend's Warbler female is a favorite winter resident of the Oakland hills. (Courtesy of Kay Loughman)

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The 12 days of Christmas have nothing on Kay Loughman.

The North Hills birder posts monthly listings of plants and animals — including calling birds — on her website at <http://www.NHWildlife.net>.

It takes a village to track all the flora and fauna. Loughman has a stable of helpers — including her husband, Bill. In November, they documented 50 bird species in and around Claremont Canyon — everything from Yellow-rumped Warblers to Ruby-crowned Kinglets. Add to that eight species of butterflies and two species of mammals and you've got a regular wild kingdom.

Not to mention mushrooms and lichen and buckeye (Oh my!)
Would someone like to start a wildlife website for Montclair?

Loughman says she'll help mentor and is excited about the prospects. "The wildlife should be almost identical — but wouldn't it be fun to discover some differences!" And don't forget, Montclair Park has a pond, which means you'll see ducks and other water fowl.

Finally, speaking of birds, Oakland's Audubon Christmas Bird Count is Dec. 18. If you'd like to join the team of bird counters in Montclair, even for part of the day, email Robert Lewis at Bob@wingbeats.org.

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