

Animals of the North Hills



Oakland, California
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About this Booklet

The idea for this booklet grew out of a suggestion from Anne Seasons, President of the North Hills Phoenix Association, that I compile pictures of local birds in a form that could be made available to residents of the north hills. I expanded on that idea to include other local wildlife.

For purposes of this booklet, the “North Hills” is defined as that area on the Berkeley/Oakland border bounded by Claremont Avenue on the north, Tunnel Road on the south, Grizzly Peak Blvd. on the east, and Domingo Avenue on the west.

Most of the species shown here are observed, heard or tracked *with some regularity* in this area. The smallest rodents are believed to be here, but their presence has not been verified. In time, we hope to include bats and reptiles in this list. Advice from local experts is welcome and will speed the process.

These species are typical of the hilly urban/wildland interface area in which we live. A few of the species listed fall into the category of pests. If not desirable neighbors, most are at least interesting to observe. We hope you will enjoy using this booklet to identify the wildlife you see around you.

Kay Loughman
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House Mouse

Western Harvest Mouse

North American Deermouse

California Deermouse

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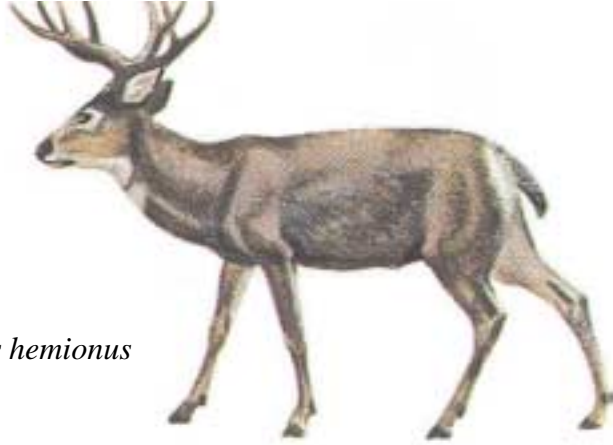
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NOTE ON MEASUREMENTS

Animals: Nose to end of tail



Mule Deer
Odocoileus hemionus
to 78"



Coyote
Canis latrans
43-70"



Gray Fox
Urocyon cinereoargenteus
32-60"



Striped Skunk
Mephitis mephitis
20-28"



Northern Raccoon
Procyon lotor
26-45"



Ringtail
Bassariscus astutus
33-36"

Virginia Opossum
Didelphis virginiana
24-33"

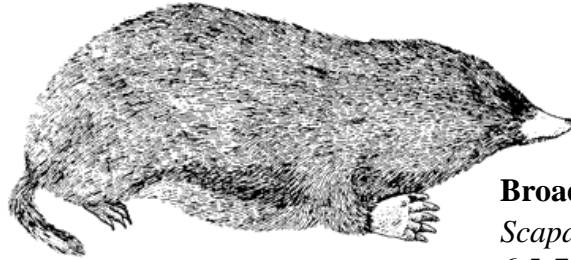


Three color phases
of Fox Squirrel

Eastern Fox Squirrel
Sciurus niger
25-40"

House Rat
Rattus rattus
16"





Broad-footed Mole
Scapanus latimanus
6.5-7.5"



California Vole
Microtus californicus
6.3-8.5"



Botta's Pocket Gopher
Thomomys bottae
6.8-10.75"



House Mouse
Mus musculus
6.0-7.2"



Western Harvest Mouse
Reithrodontomys megalotis
5.0-6.2"



North American Deermouse
Peromyscus maniculatus
4.8-9.0"



California Deermouse
Peromyscus californicus
8.8-10.4"