

North Hills wild life sightings for February

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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 Blvd. Neighbors of the area have been contributing to this wildlife list since October 2007.

46 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during February 2011.

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel

WOOD-PARTRIDGES

California Quail (PT)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great-Horned Owl (PT, JC & ER)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Northern Flicker

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo (PT)

WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLY-CATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Western Bluebird

MOCKINGBIRDS /THRASHERS

California Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe (JC & ER)

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler (both Audubon and Myrtle subspecies)

Townsend's Warbler (PT)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

Rufous-crowned Sparrow (JC & ER)

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

BUTTERFLIES

Cabbage White

MAMMALS and OTHERS



photo by Robert MacConnell

Arboreal Salamander (Aneides lugubris) found near potted plants at Pacifica transmitter site. The large triangular head identifies this individual as male.

Gray Fox (roadkill), (KD)

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Arboreal Salamander (RM)

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For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to: www.allaboutbirds.org/

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Readers are invited to contribute photographs and records of sightings. For more information and for archives of previously published wild life lists as well as photos, go to: <http://www.>