

# North Hills wild life sightings

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 Blvd.*

58 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during April 2011.

## VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

## HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

## PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (DJ)

California Quail

## PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

## SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

## HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Calliope Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

## WOODPECKERS

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

Nuttall's Woodpecker

## TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)

Olive-sided Flycatcher

## CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

## VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

## WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

## THRUSHES

American Robin

Western Bluebird (RM)

## MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

## NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

## CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

## WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren (JC & ER)

## LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

## SWALLOWS

Cliff Swallow

Violet-green Swallow

## OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

## CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee



Photo by Marilyn Goldhaber

Often seen in yards and in the wild, the male Anna's Hummingbird (*Calypte anna*) here defends a territory on Panoramic Ridge above Claremont Canyon. This image was captured on a recent excursion of the Claremont Canyon led by Conservancy board member Joe Engbeck for the Berkeley Pathwanderers.

## Oak Titmouse SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

## NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

## BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Rufous-crowned Sparrow (JC & ER)

Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee

## California Towhee

Black-headed Grosbeak

Lazuli Bunting

## BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,

ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole

## 7 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Cabbage White

Sara Orangetip

Echo Blue

Painted Lady

Mylitta Crescent

California Ringlet

Umber Skipper

## MAMMALS AND OTHERS

Coyote (JR)

Gray Fox (JCe)

Northern Raccoon (BP, AG)

Striped Skunk (CJ)

Virginia Opossum (JF)

Black-tailed Mule Deer (BC)  
Eastern Fox Squirrel  
Sierran Treefrog (JR)  
California Slender Salamander (JC & ER)  
Unidentified snake (LH)

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Looking ahead, May is the month for late-arriving migrants. Watch and listen for courtship activity. But watch too for baby birds – they're already being seen. For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to: [www.allaboutbirds.org/](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/)

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