

# FEATURES

## North Hills wild life sightings for June 2011

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

64 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during June 2011.

### PELICANS

American White Pelican

### CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant

### HERONS, EGRETS

### AND BITTERNS

Great Blue Heron

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

### OSPREY

Osprey

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

### PHEASANTS, GROUSE,

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail

Wild Turkey (DJ)



photo by Kay Loughman

*Band-tailed Pigeons (Patagioenas fasciata). This large, handsome species is resident in the West. Unlike their Rock Pigeon cousins, these birds eschew parking lots and sidewalks, and are found most often in the conifers and oaks of the east bay hills.*

**PIGEONS AND DOVES**

Rock Pigeon  
 Band-tailed Pigeon  
 Mourning Dove

**OWLS**

Great Horned Owl

**SWIFTS**

White-throated Swift

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

Anna's Hummingbird  
 Allen's Hummingbird

**WOODPECKERS**

Northern Flicker  
 Nuttall's Woodpecker  
 Downy Woodpecker (JC&ER)  
 Hairy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

Olive-sided Flycatcher  
 Pacific-slope Flycatcher  
 Black Phoebe

**CROWS AND JAYS**

Steller's Jay  
 Western Scrub-Jay  
 Common Raven

**VIREOS AND ALLIES**

Warbling Vireo  
 Hutton's Vireo

**THRUSHES**

Western Bluebird  
 Swainson's Thrush

**AMERICAN ROBIN****MOCKINGBIRDS AND****THRASHERS**

Northern Mockingbird  
 California Thrasher (JC&ER)

**STARLINGS**

European Starling

**NUTHATCHES**

Red-breasted Nuthatch  
 Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

**CREEPERS**

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

**WRENS**

Bewick's Wren (JC&ER)  
 House Wren (JC&ER)

**LONG-TAILED TITS**

Bushtit

**SWALLOWS**

Violet-green Swallow

Cliff Swallow

Barn Swallow

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS**

Wrentit  
 CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee  
 Oak Titmouse

**SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES**

American Goldfinch  
 Lesser Goldfinch  
 Purple Finch  
 House Finch

**NEW WORLD WARBLERS**

Orange-crowned Warbler  
 Wilson's Warbler  
 MacGillivray's Warbler (JC&ER)

**BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES**

Song Sparrow  
 Dark-eyed Junco

Spotted Towhee  
 California Towhee

Rose-breasted Grosbeak  
 Black-headed Grosbeak  
 Lazuli Bunting

Western Tanager (JC&ER)

**BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES**

Brown-headed Cowbird  
 Hooded Oriole (JC&ER)

**18 BUTTERFLY and MOTH SPECIES**

Anise Swallowtail  
 Pale Swallowtail  
 Western Tiger Swallowtail

Gray-veined White  
 Cabbage White

Large Marble

Sara Orangetip

Orange Sulfur

Echo Blue/Spring Azure

Lorquin's Admiral

Vanessa (sp.)

West Coast Lady

California Ringlet

Variable Checkerspot

Northern Checkerspot

Mylitta Crescent

Field Crescent

Umber Skipper

Fiery Skipper

Genista Broom Moth

Pale Beauty Moth

**6 OTHER SPECIES**

Gray Fox (JC&ER)  
 Red Fox (LH)  
 Eastern Fox Squirrel  
 Deer (mob)  
 Brush Rabbit (PT)  
 Western Fence Lizard (RM)

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Looking ahead, June and July are family times for most bird species. Watch for baby birds: being fed and learning to fly. 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.NHWildlife.net>.

For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to: [www.allaboutbirds.org/](http://www.allaboutbirds.org/)

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