

North Hills wild life sightings for February 2012



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.

LIST COMPILED BY KAY LOUGHMAN
49 BIRD SPECIES observed in the area during February 2012.

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (KL + mob)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC&ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC&ER)

Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC&ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC&ER)



"Northern Flicker (Colaptes auratus) Male - note the red "moustache" - red-shafted. These woodpeckers will blend right in when clinging to a tree; but when they fly away, they show an obvious white rump patch, and red underwings."

Hermit Thrush (JC&ER)

American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS AND

THRASHERS

California Thrasher

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler-

Audubon's

Townsend's Warbler BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Lesser Goldfinch

BUTTERFLIES

Cabbage White

Gray-veined White

Red Admiral

MAMMALS

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Striped Skunk

Fox (PT)

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Kay's note: JC&ER reported seeing 42 bird species in the neighborhood (mostly on their regular hike up from Stonewall and along the Ridge Trail). In the list above, I've given them credit only for those species not seen by me. The only pictures added to the website this month were of lichens - in the Fungus Galleries). We now have pictures of all but a few of the more than 80 lichen species identified in Claremont Canyon.

To see images of the native animals, and for more info, go to: <http://www.nhwildlife.net>. For more detailed information about individual bird species, go to: www.allaboutbirds.org.

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