

# North Hills wild life sightings for March 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 Boulevard. Neighbors of the area have been contributing to this wildlife list since October 2007.*

LIST COMPILED BY KAY LOUGHMAN

58 BIRD SPECIES seen or heard in the area during March 2012.

## QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (mob)

## NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

## HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Cooper's Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel (SH)

## PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Rock Pigeon

Mourning Dove

## OWLS

Great Horned Owl

## SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC&ER)

## HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

## WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

(JC&ER)

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Downy Woodpecker

Hairy Woodpecker (JC&ER)

Northern Flicker

## FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

(JC&ER)

Black Phoebe (JC&ER)

## VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

## CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow

Common Raven

## CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

## LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

## NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

## CREEPERS

Brown Creeper

## WRENS

Bewick's Wren

House Wren (JC&ER)

## KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

## OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

## THRUSHES

Western Bluebird

American Robin

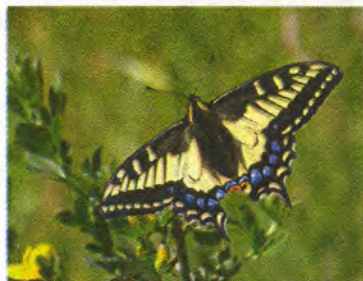
Hermit Thrush (JC&ER)

Varied Thrush (JC&ER)

## MOCKINGBIRDS AND

## THRASHERS

California Thrasher



*A common sight among our local butterflies, the Anise Swallowtail (Papilio zelicaon), perches here on French broom. The large bird bite taken from its hind wing did not appear to hinder either flight or foraging.*

## WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLY-CATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

## NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Wilson's Warbler (JC&ER)

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

## BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

## TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

## SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

## BUTTERFLIES

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Echo Blue/Spring Azure

Mylitta Crescent

West Coast Lady

## MAMMALS & REPTILES

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Gray Fox (PT)

Northern Raccoon (PT)

Unidentified mouse (LH)

Coast Gartersnake (JH&LH)

Western Fence Lizard

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*Kay's note: Starting a few weeks ago, I've noticed the White- and Golden-crowned Sparrows are looking pretty scruffy. They're molting into their breeding plumage. Enjoy the fresh plumage while you can: by the end of the month almost all of these sparrows will have migrated to points north, not to return until fall.*

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

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