

# North Hills wild life sightings for October 2012

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

## 55 BIRD SPECIES

### QUAIL AND TURKEYS

- California Quail
- Wild Turkey (also by DJ)

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk (also by MG)
- American Kestrel (also by SH)

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Rock Pigeon
- Mourning Dove

### OWLS

- Northern Saw-Whet Owl (TM)
- Great Horned Owl

### SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

- Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)
- Red-breasted Sapsucker (JC & ER)
- Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)
- Northern Flicker

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Black Phoebe

### VIREOS AND ALLIES

- Hutton's Vireo

### CROWS AND JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay
- American Crow (also photo by MG)
- Common Raven

### CHICKADEES, TITS

- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Oak Titmouse

### LONG-TAILED TITS

- Bushtit

### NUTHATCHES

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch (JC&ER)

### CREEPERS

- Brown Creeper

### WRENS

- Pacific (Winter) Wren
- Bewick's Wren

### KINGLETS

- Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC&ER)
- Ruby-crowned Kinglet

### OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

### THRUSHES

- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin
- Western Bluebird (JC&ER)
- Varied Thrush (JC&ER)



Photo composition by Kay Loughman

*During October many hilly neighborhoods were visited by large flocks of Pine Siskins (Spinus pinus). In this composed picture there are 45 birds on the feeder; and - for detail - one enlargement in the lower right.*

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

- California Thrasher

### NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- Townsend's Warbler
- Yellow-rumped Warbler

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow (JC & ER)
- White-crowned Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow (also by DK)
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

- Pine Siskin (big flocks)
- American Goldfinch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- House Finch

### 8 BUTTERFLY & MOTH SPECIES

- Cabbage White
- California Ringlet
- Monarch
- Painted Lady
- Red Admiral
- Fiery Skipper
- Umber Skipper
- Edward's Glassywing (new species for neighborhood)

### 3 MAMMAL SPECIES

- Coyote (PT)
- Black-tailed Mule Deer
- Eastern Fox Squirrel

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