

North Hills wild life sightings for November 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

TURKEYS

Wild Turkey (DJ)

PELICANS

American White Pelican (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk

Red-shouldered Hawk

Red-tailed Hawk

Golden Eagle (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (SH, JF)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker (Yellow-shafted sub sp.

by AC)

FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

VIREOS AND ALLIES

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

Pacific Wren (JC & ER)

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

THRUSHES

Western Bluebird (JC & ER)

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler

Townsend's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS,

ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (also by JC & ER, DK)

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Pine Siskin (15-40 seen most days)

8 BUTTERFLY & MOTH SPECIES

Genista Broom Moth

Omnivorous Looper Moth (AC)

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Painted Lady

Red Admiral

Fiery Skipper

Umber Skipper



Photo by Kay Loughman

Red-breasted Sapsucker (Sphyrapicus ruber). This western woodpecker is a winter visitor to the Bay Area. Not always easily seen, the bird leaves unmistakable evidence of its presence: a row of small, neatly spaced holes on a tree trunk or limb. Sap oozes from the holes, trapping insects, which together with the sap become the bird's lunch.

5 MAMMALS AND REPTILES

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Striped Skunk

Gray Fox (SH)

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Western Terrestrial Gartersnake (WDL)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

TMA = Tamia Marg Anderson, JC = John Colbert, AC = Anne Cyr, JF = Justin Falco, SH = Steve Hawes, DJ = Don Jacobus, DK = David Kessler, ER = Erica Rutherford
 JC&ER reported seeing 28 bird species on the regular hike from Stonewall and along the Ridge Trail. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the eight species not seen by me.

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