

# North Hills wild life sightings for February 2013

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 (JC & ER)
- Wild Turkey (JC & ER)

### NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture

### HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

- Eagle sp.
- Sharp-shinned Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk

### PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Rock Pigeon (DK)
- Mourning Dove

### OWLS

- Great Horned Owl (JC & ER saw mating)

### SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

### HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird (JC & ER photos)

- Allen's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

- Northern Flicker (also JB)
- Hairy Woodpecker
- Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)

### TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Black Phoebe

### VIREOS

- Hutton's Vireo

### CROWS AND JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay
- American Crow

### 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

### THRUSHES

- Hermit Thrush
- American Robin

- Western Bluebird (JC & ER)

- Varied Thrush

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

- Northern Mockingbird
- California Thrasher

### WAXWINGS

- Cedar Waxwing

### WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler (JC & ER)
- Townsend's Warbler (DK, JC & ER)
- Yellow-rumped Warbler, both Audubon & Myrtle subspecies

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- White-throated Sparrow (DK, JC & ER)
- White-crowned Sparrow

- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco (photo)

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

- Pine Siskin
- Lesser Goldfinch
- Purple Finch
- House Finch



Photo by Kay Loughman

*Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius) deep in a bay tree. This relative of the Robin calls the northwest home. They're in California most every winter, but sometimes are hard to find.*

### 3 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

- Cabbage White
- Orange Sulfur
- Vanessa sp.

### MAMMALS

- Black-tailed Mule Deer
- Eastern Fox Squirrel

### HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JB = Jane Barrett, JC & ER=John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, DK = David Kessler, DK, JC & ER reported 49 bird species from their yards and hikes along the Ridge Trail. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the eleven species not seen by me.

March and April are the primary months for spring migration. Expect changes! To view monthly bird lists cumulated and pictures of most of the species listed above, go to [nhwildlife.net](http://nhwildlife.net). For more detailed information about specific bird species, go to [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/)

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