

# North Hills wild life sightings for April 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.*

## 67 BIRD SPECIES

### DUCKS and GEESE

Goose sp. (CT)

### PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL

#### AND TURKEYS

California Quail

Wild Turkey

### CORMORANTS

Double-crested Cormorant (JC & ER)

### HERONS, EGRETS AND BIT-TERNS

Great Blue Heron

### 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 (DK)

Mourning Dove

### OWLS

Great Horned Owl

### SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

### HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Rufous Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird

### WOODPECKERS

Nuttall's Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Northern Flicker

### FLYCATCHERS

Olive-sided Flycatcher

Pacific-slope Flycatcher

Black Phoebe

### VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo (JC & ER)

Warbling Vireo (JC & ER)

### CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

Common Raven

American Crow (DK)

### SWALLOWS

Violet-green Swallow

### 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 (also SB)

House Wren (JC & ER)

### KINGLETS

Ruby-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER)

### OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit

### THRUSHES

American Robin

Swainson's Thrush (JC & ER)

Hermit Thrush (JC & ER)

### MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher

Northern Mockingbird

### WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLY-

#### CATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing (also AP)

### WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler

Wilson's Warbler

Yellow-rumped Warbler (JC & ER)

Townsend's Warbler (JC & ER)

Hermit Warbler (JC & ER)

### BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

Lazuli Bunting

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Song Sparrow

Fox Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (DK, JC & ER)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak (KHL & SB)

### BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole

### SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND

#### ALLIES

Pine Siskin

American Goldfinch

Lesser Goldfinch

Purple Finch

House Finch

### 20 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Pipevine Swallowtail

Anise Swallowtail

Cabbage White

Gray-veined White

Sara Orangetip

Large Marble

Orange Sulphur

Echo Blue

Acmon Blue



photo by Erica Rutherford

*A Chestnut-backed Chickadee (Poecile rufescens) youngster – perhaps on its first day out of the nest. The fleshy yellow gape suggests that its parents are still feeding this bird.*

### Field Crescent

Variable Checkerspot (KHL & JC)

Northern Checkerspot

Satyr Angleming

Common Buckeye

Vanessa sp.

Red Admiral (JC & ER)

Lorquin's Admiral

California Ringlet

Common Checkered-skipper

Umber Skipper

### MAMMALS, REPTILES, ETC.

Eastern Fox Squirrel (MG)

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Alligator Lizard

### HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

SB = Shelagh Brodersen, JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, MG = Marilyn Goldhaber, DK = David Kessler, NP = Neal Parish, AP = Alex Pierce, CT = Claudine Torfs. DK, JC & ER reported 62 bird species from their yards and hikes along the Ridge Trail. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the 17 species not seen by me.

A few wildlife pictures were added to the website this month, and soon will be transferred to their appropriate galleries. The photo galleries, monthly bird lists cumulated, and pictures of most of the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills (NHWildlife.net).

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