

North Hills wild life sightings for January 2014

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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, Domingue 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, QUAIL

Wild Turkey

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS

Red-shouldered Hawk

(JC & ER)

Red-tailed Hawk

Cooper's Hawk (JC & ER)

Sharp-shinned Hawk (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon

Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

(JC & ER, AC)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift

(JC & ER, ZB)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird

Allen's Hummingbird (ZB)

WOODPECKERS

Red-breasted Sapsucker

(KF, ZB)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

(JC & ER)

Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)

Hairy Woodpecker

(JC & ER, ZB)

Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Black Phoebe

(JC & ER, DK & NM, ZB)

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay



American Crow (JC & ER, DK & NM)

Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red Breasted Nuthatch

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER, ZB)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER, ZB)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER, ZB)

Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wren

THRUSHES

Hermit Thrush

American Robin

Varied Thrush (JC & ER, ZB)

THRASHERS AND

MOCKINGBIRDS

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

Northern Mockingbird (JC & ER, DK & NM)

WAXWINGS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Yellow-rumped Warbler

(Audubon's & Myrtle)

Townsend's Warbler

Hermit Warbler (ZB)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-crowned Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (DK & NM)

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco (Oregon & Slate-colored)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Lesser Goldfinch

American Goldfinch (ZB)

Pine Siskin (ZB)

House Finch

BUTTERFLIES, MAMMALS, ETC.

Cabbage White Butterfly

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Black-tailed Mule Deer

Striped Skunk (JR)

Coyote (VF)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, AC = Alexandra Cons, KF = Karen Feldman, DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel, ZB = Zach Baer, VF = Vallery Feldman, JR = Janet Rudolph. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the 21 species not seen by me.

Several 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



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.

the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills (www.NHWildlife.net).

February continues the winter season for our birds. Most of the species seen this month are likely to be with us through February or March. Watch for Allen's Hummingbirds, the first of which have already been spotted in Claremont Canyon.

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