

North Hills wild life sightings for July 2014

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*

50 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

- California Quail
- Wild Turkey

NEW WORLD VULTURES

- Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

- Sharp-shinned Hawk (JC & ER)
- Cooper's Hawk
- Red-shouldered Hawk
- Red-tailed Hawk

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Mourning Dove



SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift

HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird
- Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

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

FLYCATCHERS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)
- Black Phoebe (JC & ER)

VIREOS

- Hutton's Vireo (JC & ER)

CROWS AND JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay

- American Crow (JC & ER)

- Common Raven

SWALLOWS

- Violet-green Swallow (JC & ER)

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
- House Wren (JC & ER)

OLD-WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

THRUSHES

- Swainson's Thrush
- American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS AND

THRASHERS

- California Thrasher
- Northern Mockingbird (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler (JC & ER)
- Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee

- Song Sparrow

- Dark-eyed Junco

- Black-headed Grosbeak

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

- Hooded Oriole (also DC, JC & ER)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS

AND ALLIES

- Purple Finch
- House Finch
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch (JC & ER)

4 MAMMALS

- Black-tailed Mule Deer
- Gray Fox (KJ)
- Eastern Fox Squirrel
- California Vole (KJ)

10 BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

- Anise Swallowtail
- Western Tiger Swallowtail
- Cabbage White
- Orange Sulphur
- Common Hairstreak
- Echo Blue
- Common Buckeye
- Painted Lady
- Fiery Skipper
- White-lined Sphinx Moth



HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, DC = David Clayton, KJ = Karla Jensen, JR = Janet

Rudolph. These contributors reported at least 53 species of birds and other wildlife from their yards and walks in the neighborhood. In the list above, I've given them credit only for the 13 species not seen by me.

Many 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).

August concludes family time for our birds. During this month the last of the young will be weaned and fledged – mostly ready to be on their own. By mid-month migrants will begin to depart. Usually it's the adult males who go first. Songbird fall migration usually occurs over about two months, so we'll soon start seeing other species passing through or arriving to spend the next several months with us. For more detailed information about individual bird species, go to allaboutbirds.org/



Photo by Karla Jensen

California Vole (Microtus californicus), aka California Meadow Mouse, is a herbivorous rodent, with a preferred diet of grasses and sedges. It lives in underground burrows and is active dusk through dawn. Common predators include hawks, owls, coyotes and skunks.

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