

North Hills wild life sightings for February 2015 • 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.*

58 BIRD SPECIES SEEN

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS

Wild Turkey
California Quail (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk

(JC & ER, LW)

Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel (JC & ER, LW)

Peregrine Falcon (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird
Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker
Red-breasted Sapsucker-hybrid

(LW)

Nuttall's Woodpecker

Downy Woodpecker

(JC & ER, LW)

Hairy Woodpecker

Northern Flicker



VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

Steller's Jay

Western Scrub-Jay

American Crow (JC & ER, LW)

Common Raven

CHICKADEES, TITS

Chestnut-backed Chickadee

Oak Titmouse

LONG-TAILED TITS

Bushtit

NUTHATCHES

Red-breasted Nuthatch

White-breasted Nuthatch (LW)

Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

CREEPERS

Brown Creeper (JC & ER, LW)

WRENS

Bewick's Wren

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 (JC & ER)

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler
Yellow-rumped Warbler (AUWA)

Townsend's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee

California Towhee

Fox Sparrow

Song Sparrow

Lincoln's Sparrow

White-throated Sparrow (DK & NM)

White-crowned Sparrow

Golden-crowned Sparrow

Dark-eyed Junco

Black-headed Grosbeak

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND AL-LIES

Purple Finch

House Finch

Pine Siskin

Lesser Goldfinch

BUTTERFLIES

Cabbage White

Acmon Blue



Red Admiral

Common Checkered Skipper

OTHER

Banana Slug

Western Terrestrial Gartersnake

Eastern Fox Squirrel

Black-tailed Mule Deer

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert and Erica Rutherford, DK & NM = David Kessler and Nancy Mennel, LW=Lisa Weiss. These contributors collectively reported at least 54 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 14 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 the above species are on my website: Wild Life of the North Hills (nhwildlife.net). For more detailed info about individual bird species, go to allaboutbirds.org/

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Photo by Kay Loughman

The Varied Thrush (Ixoreus naevius), sometimes nicknamed Oregon Robin, can be found in the Bay Area every winter. To the delight of birdwatchers, this year we are seeing record numbers of this species. In this photograph, a female is perched high in a conifer.

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