

# North Hills wild life sightings for March 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.*

## 66 BIRD SPECIES

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL AND TURKEYS

California Quail (JC & ER)  
Wild Turkey

NEW WORLD VULTURES

Turkey Vulture

HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES

Sharp-shinned Hawk  
Red-shouldered Hawk  
Red-tailed Hawk

American Kestrel (LW)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

Rock Pigeon  
Band-tailed Pigeon  
Mourning Dove

OWLS

Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

SWIFTS

White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

HUMMINGBIRDS

Anna's Hummingbird  
Rufous Hummingbird  
Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

Acorn Woodpecker (DK & NM, JC & ER)  
Red-breasted Sapsucker  
Nuttall's Woodpecker (JB)  
Hairy Woodpecker  
Downy Woodpecker (JC & ER)  
Northern Flicker

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

Pacific-slope Flycatcher (JC & ER)  
Black Phoebe

VIREOS

Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

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

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

WRENS

Bewick's Wren  
House Wren (JC & ER)

KINGLETS

Golden-crowned Kinglet (JC & ER)  
Ruby-crowned Kinglet

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

Wrentit  
THRUSHES  
Western Bluebird (JC & ER)  
Hermit Thrush  
American Robin  
American Robin (leucistic) (LH & SB)  
Varied Thrush

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

California Thrasher (JC & ER)

WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLYCATCHERS

Cedar Waxwing

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

Orange-crowned Warbler  
Yellow-rumped Warbler-AUWA  
Townsend's Warbler  
Wilson's Warbler

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,

TANAGERS, ALLIES

Spotted Towhee  
California Towhee  
Fox Sparrow  
Song Sparrow  
Lincoln's Sparrow (JC & ER)  
White-throated Sparrow (DK & NM)  
White-crowned Sparrow  
Golden-crowned Sparrow  
Dark-eyed Junco  
Black-headed Grosbeak (over-wintered!)

BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

Hooded Oriole

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

Purple Finch  
House Finch  
Pine Siskin  
Lesser Goldfinch  
American Goldfinch (JC & ER)

10 BUTTERFLY & MOTH SPECIES

Cabbage White  
Echo Blue/Spring Azure  
Large Marble  
Sara Orangetip  
Mylitta Crescent  
Painted Lady (JR)  
Monarch  
Common Buckeye  
California Ringlet  
Alpha Looper Moth (JC & ER)

OTHER

Black-tailed Mule Deer  
Eastern Fox Squirrel

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Photo by Kay Loughman

*Large Marble (Euchloe ausonides) butterfly feeding on wild mustard. Frequently seen in March, subtle markings on white upper wings give no hint of the yellow veins and intense green mottling underneath.*

Shelagh Brodersen reported seeing this spring the leucistic American Robin that spent several months here in Spring 2014. These contributors collectively reported at least 58 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.

A lot of wildlife pictures were added to the website in March; they now are sorted into 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](http://nhwildlife.net)). For more detailed info about individual bird species, go to [allaboutbirds.org/](http://allaboutbirds.org/)

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