

North Hills wild life sightings for July 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.*

50 BIRD SPECIES

QUAIL AND TURKEYS

- California Quail (JC & ER)
- 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

SWIFTS

- White-throated Swift (JC & ER)

PIGEONS AND DOVES

- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Mourning Dove

HUMMINGBIRDS

- Anna's Hummingbird (MF)
- Allen's Hummingbird

WOODPECKERS

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

TYRANT FLYCATCHERS

- Olive-sided Flycatcher (JC & ER)
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher
- Western Wood-Pewee (JC & ER)

VIREOS

- Hutton's Vireo

CROWS AND JAYS

- Steller's Jay
- Western Scrub-Jay
- American Crow (JC & ER)
- Common Raven

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

- House Wren (JC & ER)
- Bewick's Wren

OLD WORLD WARBLERS

- Wrentit

THRUSHES

- Swainson's Thrush (JC & ER)

American Robin

MOCKINGBIRDS AND THRASHERS

- Northern Mockingbird
- California Thrasher

NEW WORLD WARBLERS

- Orange-crowned Warbler (JC & ER)

- Wilson's Warbler (JC & ER)

BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Song Sparrow
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Western Tanager (CGr)

SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES

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

10 BUTTERFLIES & MOTHS

- Western Tiger Swallowtail
- Cabbage White

Acmon Blue

- Echo Blue/Spring Azure
- Gulf Fritillary
- Common Buckeye
- Painted Lady
- West Coast Lady
- Fiery Skipper
- Genista Broom moth



MAMMALS

- Eastern Fox Squirrel
- Coyote

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford, MF = Marc Feldman, CGr = Caryn Gregg, BP=Bob Power. These contributors collectively reported at least 47 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 16 bird species not seen by me.

34 wildlife pictures were add-

ed to the website during July and have now been 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 John Colbert

Juvenile California Towhee (Melozone crissalis). In a weedy area, the softly streaked plumage helps to camouflage this youngster until it is ready to forage independently.

