

# North Hills wild life sightings for September 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.*

**55 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**

- Rock Pigeon
- Band-tailed Pigeon
- Mourning Dove

**OWLS**

- Great Horned Owl (JC & ER)

**HUMMINGBIRDS**

- Anna's Hummingbird

**Rufous Hummingbird**

**WOODPECKERS**

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

**TYRANT FLYCATCHERS**

- Willow Flycatcher
- Pacific-slope Flycatcher

**VIREOS AND ALLIES**

- Hutton's Vireo (JC & ER)
- Warbling Vireo

**CROWS AND JAYS**

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

**CHICKADEES, TITS**

- Chestnut-backed Chickadee
- Oak Titmouse
- Bushtit

**NUTHATCHES**

- Red-breasted Nuthatch
- Pygmy Nuthatch (JC & ER)

**CREEPERS**

- Brown Creeper

**WRENS**

- Bewick's Wren

**OLD WORLD WARBLERS**

- Wrentit

**THRUSHES**

- Swainson's Thrush
- Hermit Thrush (JC & ER)
- American Robin

**MOCKINGBIRDS AND**

- THRASHERS

**California Thrasher (JC & ER)**

**WAXWINGS AND SILKY-FLYCATCHERS**

- Cedar Waxwing
- NEW WORLD WARBLERS
- Yellow Warbler
- Black-throated Gray Warbler
- Townsend's Warbler

**BUNTINGS, SPARROWS, TANAGERS, ALLIES**

- Spotted Towhee
- California Towhee
- Fox Sparrow
- Song Sparrow
- Lincoln's Sparrow
- White-crowned Sparrow
- Golden-crowned Sparrow
- Dark-eyed Junco
- Western Tanager
- Black-headed Grosbeak
- BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES, ORIOLES

**Hooded Oriole**

**SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND ALLIES**

- Lesser Goldfinch
- Purple Finch
- House Finch

**3 BUTTERFLY SPECIES**

- Cabbage White
- Monarch
- Umber Skipper

**4 MAMMAL SPECIES**

- Black-tailed Mule Deer

**Striped Skunk**

- Eastern Fox Squirrel
- Unidentified rat



**HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS**

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford. DK & NM = David Kessler & Nancy Mennel.

These contributors collectively reported at least 45 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 nine bird species not seen by me.

Fall migration of songbirds is well underway. Over the next few weeks the last of our summer visitors will head for southern climes, and the remaining winter residents will arrive.

More than 30 wildlife pictures were added to the website during September 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](http://allaboutbirds.org)



Photo by John Colbert

*Nuttall's Woodpecker (Picoides nuttallii), male. This small woodpecker species is found almost exclusively in California, and is often associated with oak woodlands. Here, the bird hunts for insects on a eucalyptus tree in Claremont Canyon Regional Preserve.*



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