

REAL ESTATE

North Hills wild life sightings for May 2016 • 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.*

62 BIRD SPECIES

PHEASANTS, GROUSE, QUAIL
AND TURKEYS
Wild Turkey
California Quail
EGRETS AND HERONS
Great Blue Heron (JC & ER)
CORMORANTS
Double-crested Cormorant
VULTURES
Turkey Vulture
HAWKS, EAGLES AND KITES
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Cooper's Hawk
Red-shouldered Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
PIGEONS AND DOVES
Band-tailed Pigeon
Mourning Dove
OWLS
Great Horned Owl
SWIFTS
White-throated Swift (JC & ER)
HUMMINGBIRDS
Anna's Hummingbird

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Allen's Hummingbird
WOODPECKERS
Acorn Woodpecker (JC & ER)
Hairy Woodpecker (JC & ER)
Nuttall's Woodpecker
Northern Flicker
FALCONS
Peregrine Falcon (JC & ER)
FLYCATCHERS
Olive-sided Flycatcher
Western Wood-Pewee (JC & ER)
Pacific-slope Flycatcher
VIREOS
Warbling Vireo (JC & ER)
Hutton's Vireo
CROWS AND JAYS
Steller's Jay
Western Scrub-Jay
American Crow
Common Raven
SWALLOWS
Barn Swallow (JC & ER)
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
House Wren (JC & ER)
Bewick's Wren
OLD WORLD WARBLERS
Wrentit
THRUSHES
Western Bluebird (JC & ER)
Swainson's Thrush
American Robin
MOCKINGBIRDS AND

THRASHERS
California Thrasher (JC & ER)
WAXWINGS AND SILKY-
FLYCATCHERS
Cedar Waxwing
NEW WORLD WARBLERS
Orange-crowned Warbler
MacGillivray's Warbler (JC & ER)
Wilson's Warbler
BUNTINGS, SPARROWS,
TANAGERS, ALLIES
Spotted Towhee
California Towhee
Song Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Dark-eyed Junco
Black-headed Grosbeak
Lazuli Bunting
Western Tanager (JC & ER)
BLACKBIRDS, GRACKLES,
ORIOLES
Brown-headed Cowbird
Hooded Oriole
SISKINS, CROSSBILLS AND
ALLIES
Purple Finch
House Finch
Lesser Goldfinch
Pine Siskin

21 BUTTERFLY SPECIES

Western Tiger Swallowtail
Anise Swallowtail
Cabbage White
Gray-veined White
Sara Orangetip
Acmon Blue
Echo Blue/Spring Azure
Northern Checkerspot
Variable Checkerspot
Field Crescent
Mylitta Crescent
Monarch
Lorquin's Admiral



Satyr Anglewing
California Ringlet
Common Buckeye
Red Admiral
American Painted Lady (JC & ER)
Mournful Duskywing (JC & ER)
Umber Skipper
Northern White Skipper - new for the neighborhood

9 MAMMALS & REPTILES

Black-tailed Mule Deer
Gray Fox (KT)
Striped Skunk (AG)
Eastern Fox Squirrel
California Alligator Lizard (JC & ER)
Coast Range Fence Lizard
(JC & ER)
Western Terrestrial Gartersnake
(JC & ER)
Northern Rubber Boa (JC & ER)
Skilton's Skink (FP)

HUMAN CONTRIBUTORS

JC & ER = John Colbert & Erica Rutherford; AG = Ann Glucroft; AL = Alik Lee; KT = Ken Tietz; FP = Frank Price. These contributors collectively reported at least 65 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 bird species not seen by me.

More than 75 wildlife pictures were added to the website during May and have 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).

In June, the last of the Neotropi-



Photo by John Colbert

Lazuli Bunting (*Passerina amoena*). Handsome male, a May arrival from Latin America, takes in the view from a willow tree. The males of this species often sing from exposed locations; the females are less likely to be seen, as their plumage is subtly-colored, and they prefer the cover of dense shrubbery.

cal migrants who breed in the area will arrive. Parent birds are feeding chicks, and many chicks have already fledged. For more detailed information about individual bird species, this is a good resource: allaboutbirds.org.

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