Bird Species in Claremont Canyon in Winter

Based Upon Observations During the Month of December, 1976 - 2007

	Species		Status Codes, from MVZ Data		
	Common Name	Scientific Name			
1	California Quail	*Callipepla californica*		R	2
2	Turkey Vulture	*Cathartes aura*		S, R	3
3	Northern Harrier	Circus cyaneus		V	-
4	Sharp-shinned Hawk	*Accipiter striatus*		W, R	3
5	Cooper's Hawk	*Accipiter cooperii*		R	3
6	Red-shouldered Hawk	*Buteo lineatus*		-	-
7	Red-tailed Hawk	*Buteo jamaicensis*		R	1
8	American Kestrel	*Falco sparverius*		R	1
9	Band-tailed Pigeon	*Columba fasciata*		R	2
10	Mourning Dove	*Zenaida macroura*		S, R	1
11	Western Screech-Owl	*Megascops kennicottii*		R	5
12	Great Horned Owl	*Bubo virginianus*		R	3
13	Northern Saw-whet Owl	*Aegolius acadicus*		-	-
14	White-throated Swift	*Aeronautes saxitalis*		S, R	3
15	Anna's Hummingbird	*Calypte anna*		R	1
16	Red-breasted Sapsucker	*Sphyrapicus ruber*		W	3
17	Nuttall's Woodpecker	*Picoides nuttallii*		V	-
18	Downy Woodpecker	*Picoides pubescens*		R	2
19	Hairy Woodpecker	*Picoides villosus*		R	4
20	Northern Flicker	*Colaptes auratus*		W, R	1
21	Black Phoebe	*Sayornis nigricans*		R	1
22	Hutton's Vireo	*Vireo huttoni*		R	2
23	Steller's Jay	*Cyanocitta stelleri*		R	1
24	Western Scrub-Jay	*Aphelocoma californica*		R	1
25	Common Raven	*Corvus corax*		V	-
26	Chestnut-backed Chickadee	*Poecile rufescens*		R	1
27	Oak Titmouse	*Baeolophus inornatus*		R	2
28	Bushtit	*Psaltriparus minimus*		R	1
29	Red-breasted Nuthatch	*Sitta canadensis*		W, R	3
30	White-breasted Nuthatch	*Sitta carolinensis*		V	-
31	Pygmy Nuthatch	*Sitta pygmaea*		-	-
32	Brown Creeper	*Certhia americana*		W, R	3
33	Bewick's Wren	*Thryomanes bewickii*		R	1
34	Winter Wren	*Trogolydes troglodytes*		W	4
35	Golden-crowned Kinglet	*Regulus satrapa*		W	4

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	Common Name	Scientific Name			
36	Ruby-crowned Kinglet	*Regulus calendula*		W	1
37	Hermit Thrush	*Catharus guttatus*		W	1
38	American Robin	*Turdus migratorius*		W, R	1
39	Varied Thrush	*Ixoreus naevius*		W	2
40	Wrentit	*Chamaea fasciata*		R	1
41	Northern Mockingbird	*Mimus polyglottos*		W	4
42	California Thrasher	*Toxostoma redivivum*		R	2
43	Cedar Waxwing	*Bombycilla cedrorum*		W, M	1
44	Orange-crowned Warbler	*Vermivora celata*		S, M	1
45	Nashville Warbler	*Vermivora ruficapilla*		M	5
46	Yellow-rumped Warbler	*Dendroica coronata*		W, M	3
47	Townsend's Warbler	*Dendroica townsendi*		W, M	3
48	Hermit Warbler	*Dendroica occidentalis*		M	5
49	Spotted Towhee	*Pipilo maculatus*		R	1
50	California Towhee	*Pipilo crissalis*		R	1
51	Rufous-crowned Sparrow	*Aimophila ruficeps*		R	5
52	Fox Sparrow	*Passerella iliaca*		W	2
53	Song Sparrow	*Melospiza melodia*		R	1
54	Lincoln's Sparrow	*Melospiza lincolnii*		W	5
55	White-throated Sparrow	*Zonotrichia albicollis*		V	-
56	White-crowned Sparrow	*Zonotrichia leucophrys*		W, R	1
57	Golden-crowned Sparrow	*Zonotrichia atricapilla*		W	1
58	Dark-eyed Junco	*Junco hyemalis*		W, R	1
59	Purple Finch	*Carpodacus purpureus*		R	2
60	House Finch	*Carpodacus mexicanus*		R	1
61	Pine Siskin	*Carduelis pinus*		R	2
62	Lesser Goldfinch	*Carduelis psaltria*		R	3
63	American Goldfinch	*Carduelis tristis*		R	2

Notes

1 "Claremont Canyon" is defined as the Claremont Creek watershed, from the ridgeline (which generally follows Grizzly Peak Boulevard) west to Stonewall Road, and bounded on the north and south by the ridgelines that separate the Claremont Creek watershed from the Strawberry Creek and Temescal Creek watersheds

2 Birds listed here have been recorded in Claremont Canyon on one or more Oakland Christmas Bird Counts (typically held on the Sunday before Christmas) during the years 1976 - 2007 and/or when scouting for the Count earlier in December.

3 Status Codes derived from the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology's (MVZ's) checklist are as follows:

First column -- an asterisk indicates a non-native introduced species. We have recorded none in Claremont Canyon as defined. But Rock Pigeon, European Starling and House Sparrow occur a little further downslope, in the commercial area along Domingo Avenue. Also, I heard one or more Wild Turkeys in the canyon on April 6, 2003 and on April 22, 2004.

Second and third columns -- seasonal status and rarity from "List of the Birds of the Berkeley Hills," by Ned K. Johnson, dated February 8, 1984; issued by the Museum of Vertebrate Zoology, University of California. Data on this checklist go back to at least the 1940s, to the days of Alden H. Miller and Frank A. Pitelka, who no doubt built upon Joseph Grinnell's data. Note that MVZ's list encompasses an area larger than Claremont Canyon.

Seasonal status: R -- resident throughout the year; S -- summer resident; W -- winter visitant; M -- migrant (so designated only if all or a conspicuous part of population passes through area); V -- occasional visitant. When more than one designation is given, the first is the more prevalent status. The status relates only to the area of the list in the last few years, not necessarily to the San Francisco Bay region as a whole.

Rarity: Numbers denote the frequency and ease with which species may be observed in the seasons indicated: 1 -- the most readily detected; 5 -- the least. Numbers of individuals, amount of suitable habitat, and a species' conspicuousness of action and appearance influence this index.

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