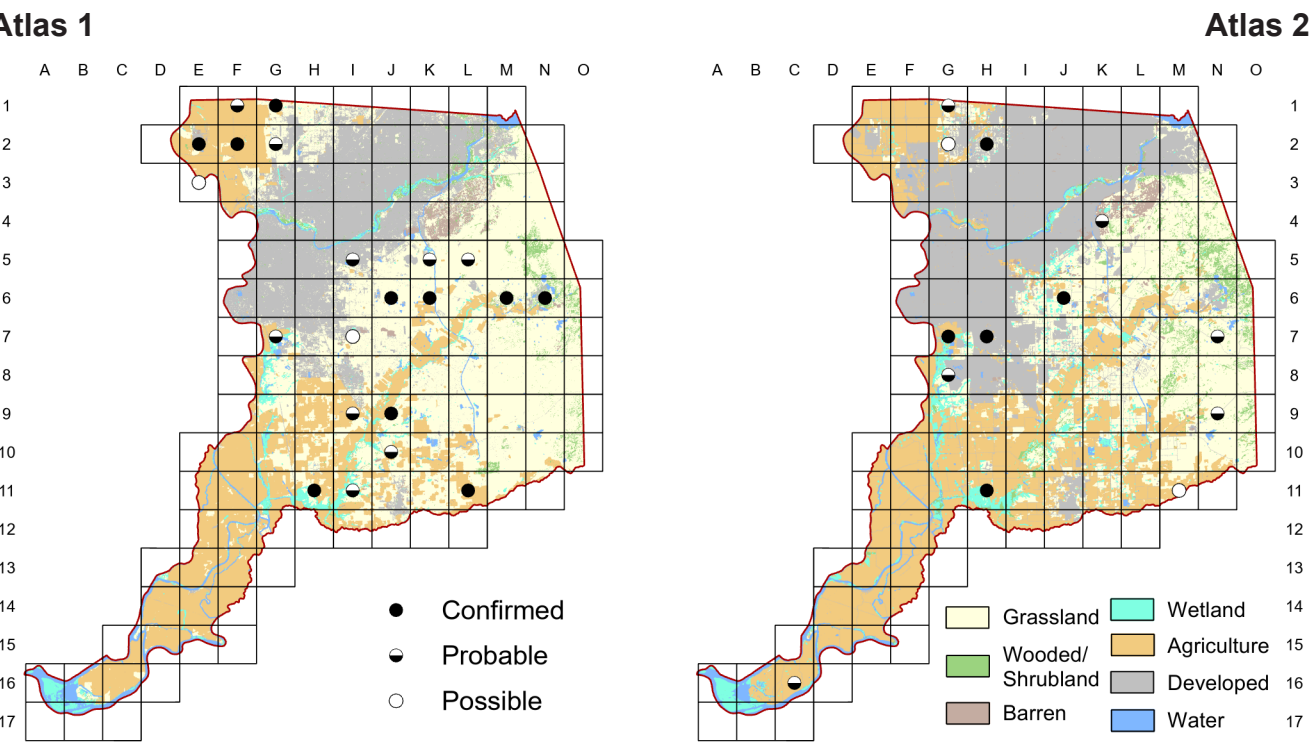


American Avocet

Recurvirostra americana



The American Avocet requires shallowly-flooded wetland habitat to persist for the duration of nesting. This habitat is limited in the Central Valley, as many of the remaining wetlands are managed as deep-water marsh habitat or are drained early in the year. Therefore, it is not surprising that the avocet showed an apparent decline between the two atlases, including abandoning the Natomas Basin where it previously nested in flooded rice fields.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

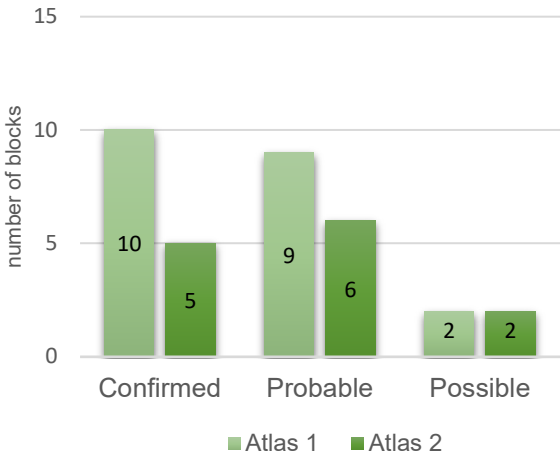
California	Rangewide <sup>1</sup>
–1.77% / year <sup>n</sup>	0.33% / year <sup>n</sup>

<sup>1</sup>North America; <sup>n</sup>nonsignificant; Source: Sauer et al. 2020

Breeding Habitat

Shallow wetland with emergent vegetation

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Scrape with plant matter

15 June 2015

Block H-11

Parents watching over fledglings, one chased a Northern Harrier off.