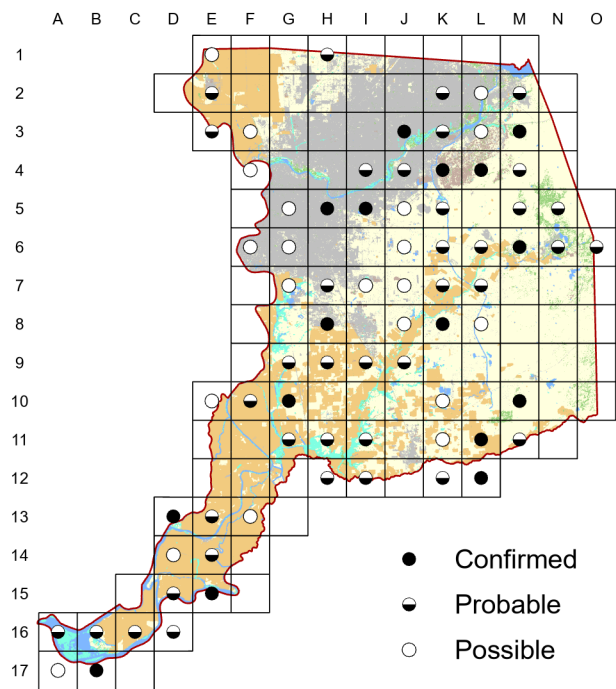
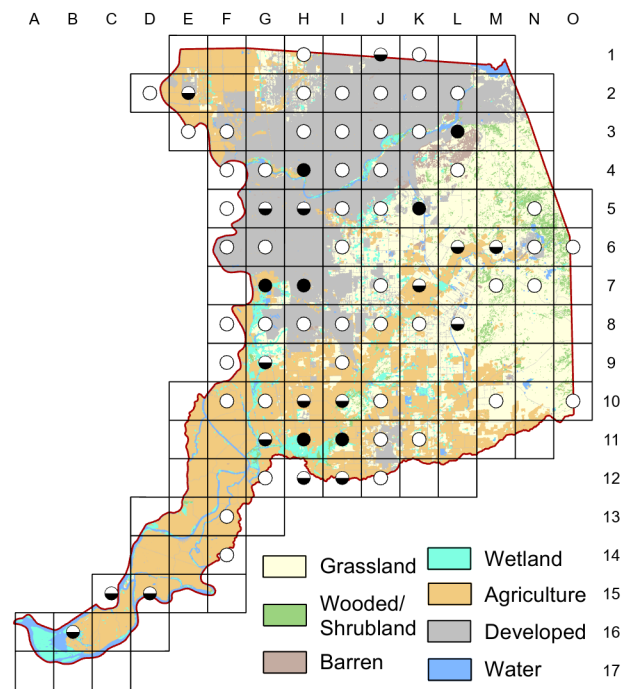


American Goldfinch *Spinus tristis*

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



We saw little change in the breeding distribution of American Goldfinches between the two atlases. While frequently observed in urban areas, the great majority of breeding confirmations were in riparian areas during both Atlas 1 and Atlas 2. Interestingly, this species did not show the dramatic expansion into urban areas that we saw from its congeneric cousin, the Lesser Goldfinch.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California
–0.36% / yearⁿ

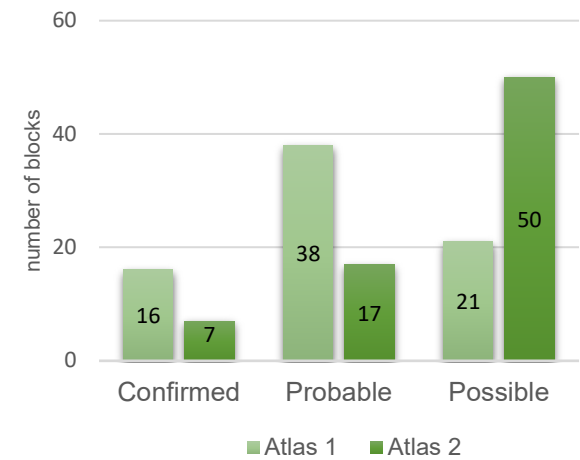
Rangewide¹
–0.6% / year^s

¹North America; ^ssignificant, ⁿnonsignificant; Source: Sauer et al. 2020

Breeding Habitat

Wide variety

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Cup nest

1927

R. Hoffman

In the breeding season the male with even wing-strokes flutters in broad circles above the brooding female. As he flies he pours forth a continual twittering song.