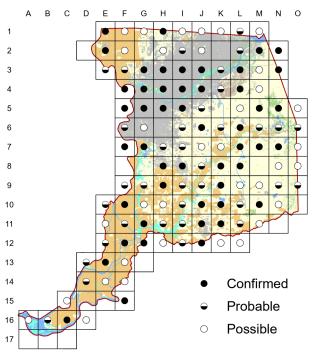
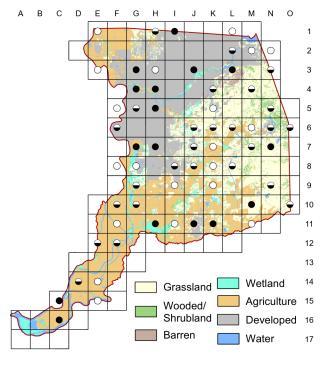
American Kestrel Falco sparverius







The long-term, widespread decline of the American Kestrel throughout its range has been well documented. Loss of open-country habitat and lack of nest cavities are certainly factors. A comparison of the two atlas maps demonstrates the disappearance of breeding kestrels from areas where development has converted or fragmented areas of previously open habitats.

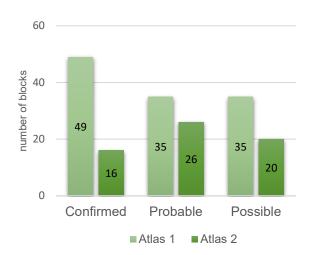
Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

 California
 Rangewide¹

 -1.88% / years
 -1.41% / years

Breeding Habitat Variety of open to semi-open country

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type
Cavity

28 March 2017 Block J-11

Male guarding possible nest and feeding female. Male chased off a Nuttall's Woodpecker from a snag with a possible nest hole.

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