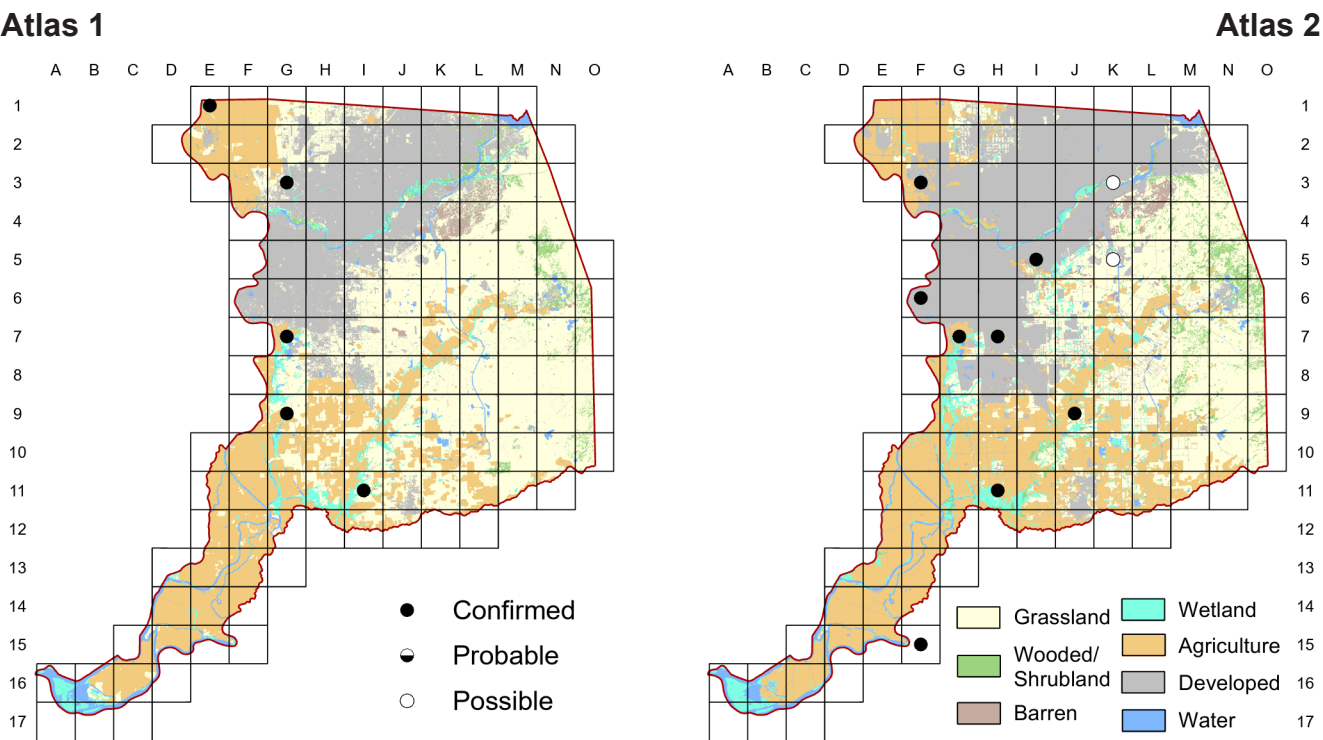


Black-crowned Night-Heron

Nycticorax nycticorax



Black-crowned Night-Herons exhibit a pattern like that of Snowy Egrets, in association with which they often nest. Dramatic shifts in colony locations, with frequent abandonment for a variety of reasons, make it very difficult to discern trends or patterns, but breeding in suburban residential areas was a definite change in behavior between atlas projects. See Appendix for additional details.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

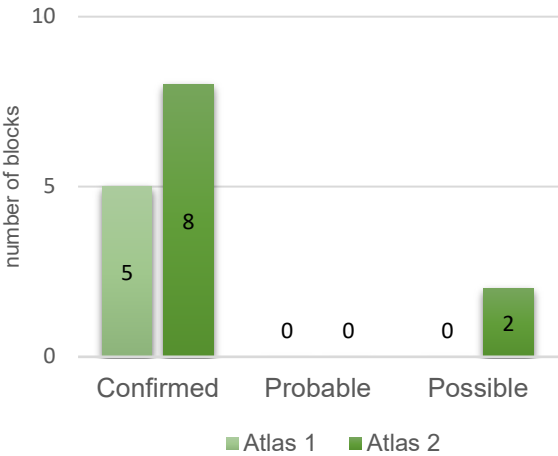
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| California | Rangewide ¹ |
| 0.5% / year ⁿ | –0.56% / year ⁿ |

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

Breeding Habitat

Marshes, swampy woods, residential areas

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Stick nest in tree or bush; often over water

31 May 2015

Block F-3

Many nests, many with young, very noisy, egg debris on ground, juveniles on ground.