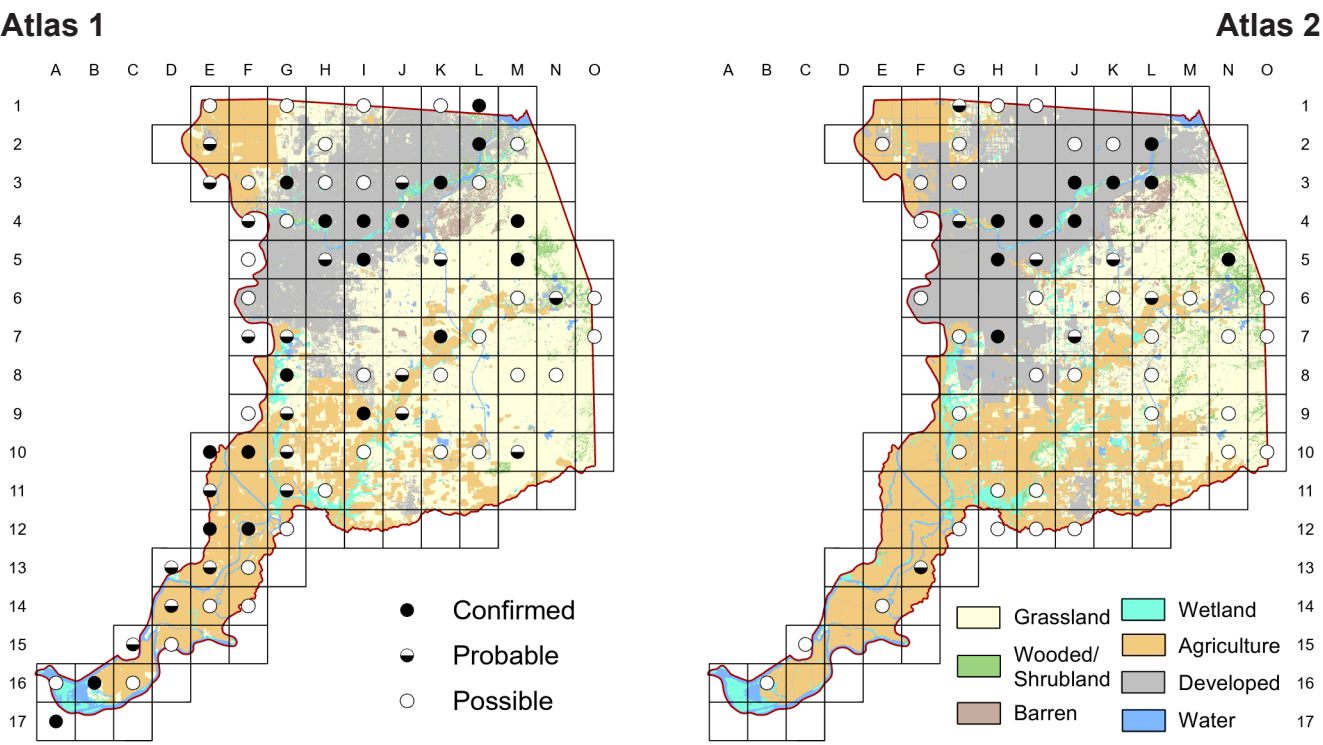


Belted Kingfisher

Megaceryle alcyon



Changes shown between atlases for Belted Kingfishers are likely as not the result of differences in methodology. Breeding sites are a limiting factor, and bank “hardening” and the addition of rip-rap reduces suitable nest burrow sites (see the Chapter Four section on Bank Swallow). Further field investigation is required to determine if the reduction in reports along the lower Sacramento River reflects a true decline in breeding by this species there.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California

–0.97% / year^s

Rangewide¹

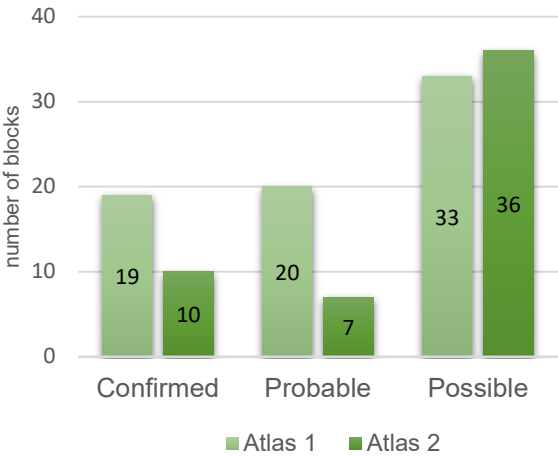
–0.88% / year^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Rivers, streams, or ponds with steep, friable banks

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Excavated cavity in steep embankment

28 June 2016

Block H-4

Low flyby carrying food; looked like a crawdad. Headed downriver.