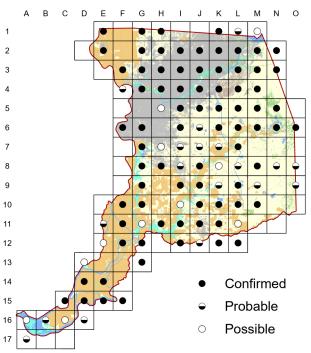
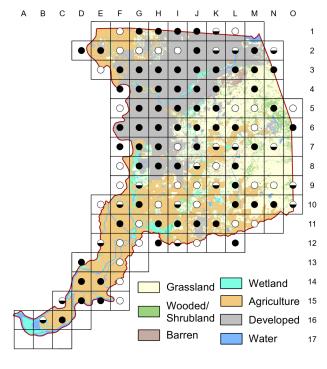
Black Phoebe Sayornis nigricans

Atlas 1 Atlas 2





Frequently securing their nests to human-built structures, the Black Phoebe remains a commonly observed breeding species throughout Sacramento County. The high proportion of confirmations likely reflects just how comfortable this bird seems to be around humans. A remarkably confiding and approachable species.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California Rangewide¹
2.86% / year^s 2.4% / year^s

Breeding Habitat

Variety of habitats, but always near water

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type
Cup nest on sheltered ledge or wall

18 March 2018 Block I-8

Two individuals that don't seem to mind people. As I was walking around some crane flies flushed from the grass, and one phoebe came towards me and snapped up the crane flies.

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