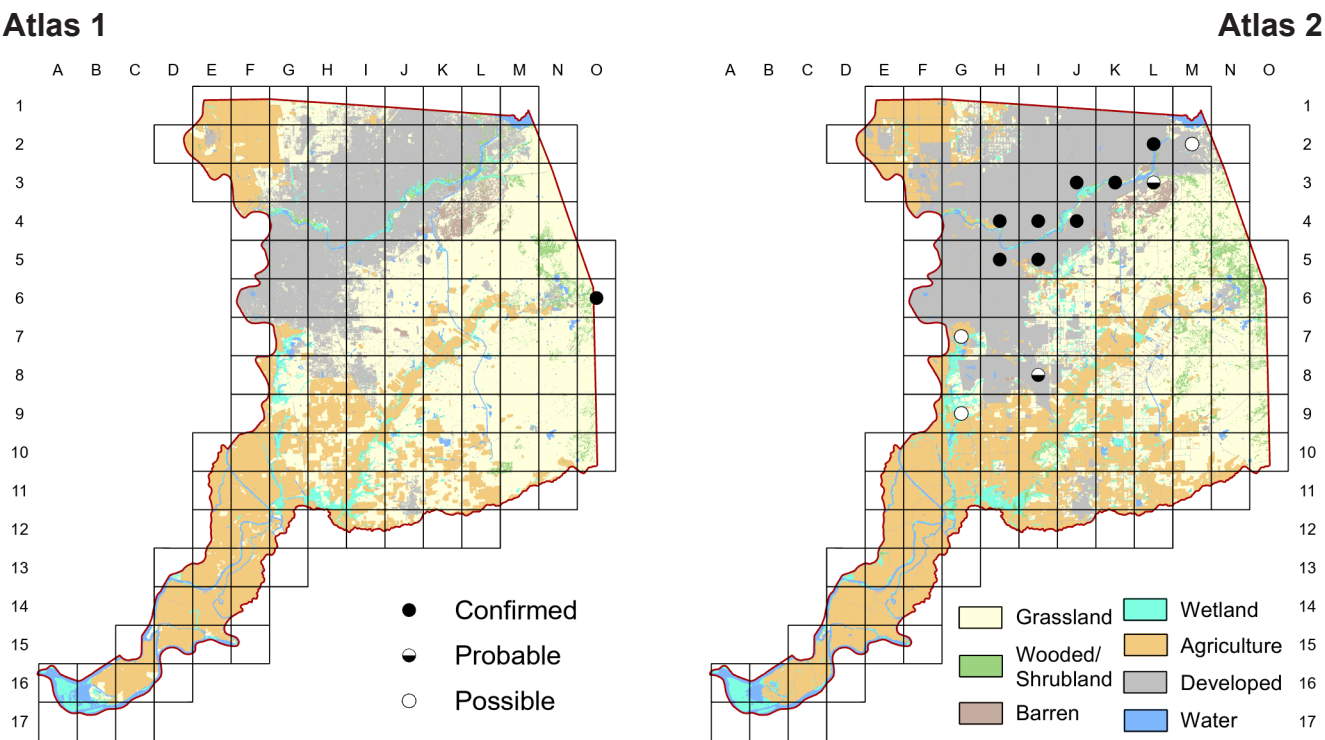


Common Merganser

*Mergus merganser*



The Common Merganser, confirmed in only a single block along the upper Cosumnes River in Atlas 1, is now an uncommon, but regular breeder along most of the American River. The species has taken advantage of both natural cavities in snags and nest boxes. The historical status of this species on the Central Valley floor is uncertain, but these mergansers now appear to breed in several areas along the Sacramento River north of the county.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

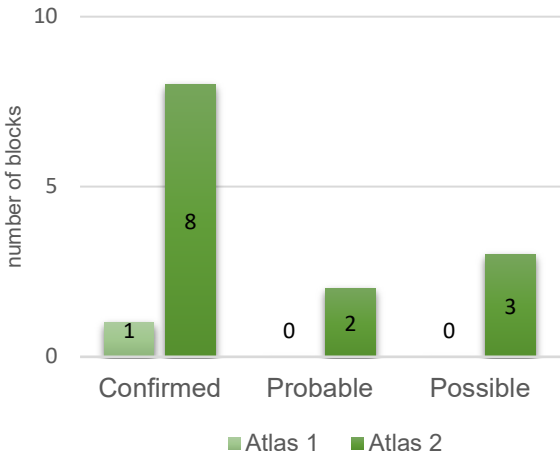
California	Rangewide <sup>1</sup>
0.05% / year <sup>n</sup>	–0.4% / year <sup>n</sup>

<sup>1</sup>North America; <sup>n</sup>nonsignificant; Source: Sauer et al. 2020

Breeding Habitat

Riparian/lakes with nearby trees

Comparison of Atlas Results



Atlas 1 Atlas 2

Nest Type

Cavity near water

14 April 2017

Block I-4

The large nest box used every year by a Common Merganser female had nine eggs when last checked.