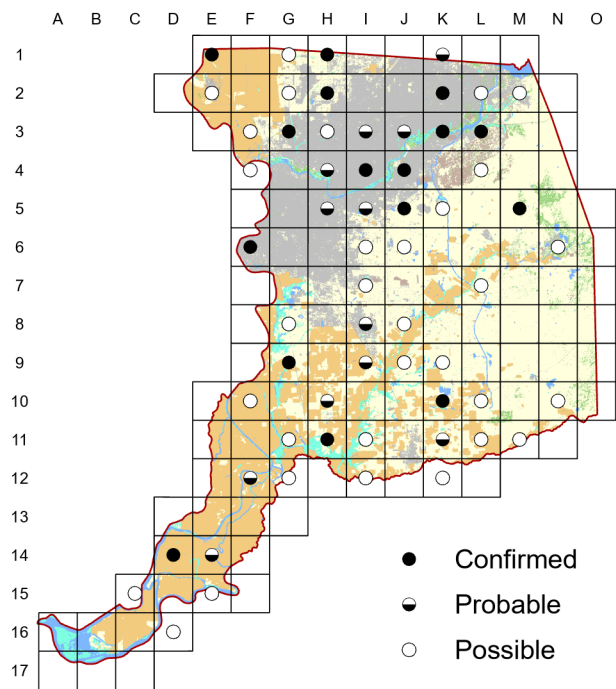


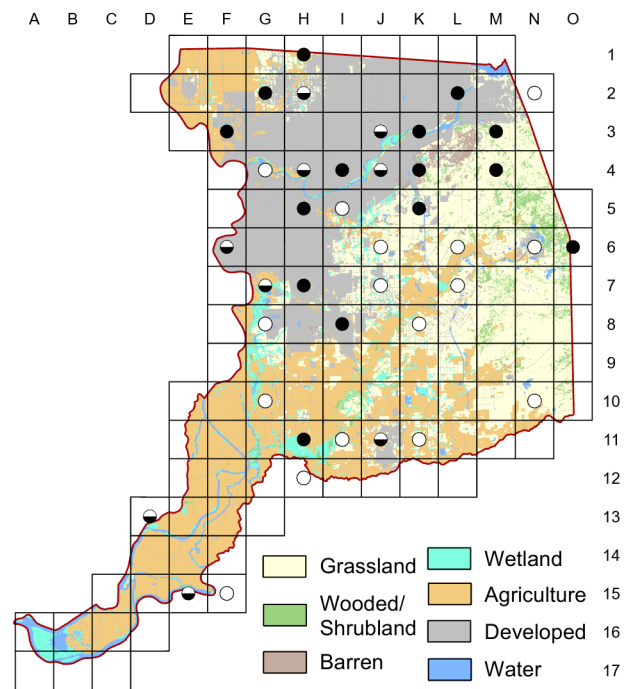
Green Heron

Butorides virescens

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



The distribution and numbers of breeding Green Herons in Sacramento County have not changed dramatically between atlas periods. The American River corridor remains the core of the species’ range in the county. Since the 1980s, the species has been found nesting in ornamental trees in residential areas, in small, loosely organized colonies in some cases.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California
0.77% / yearⁿ

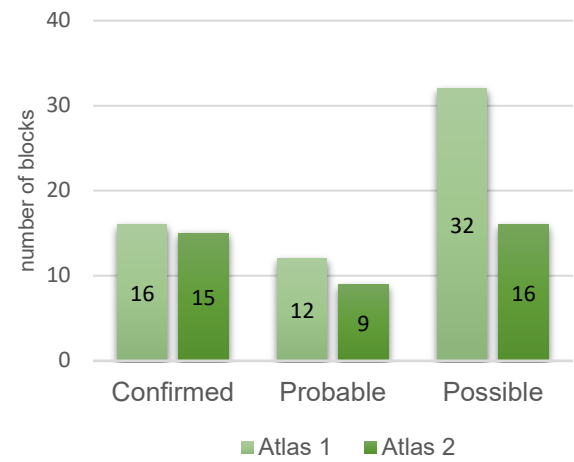
Rangewide¹
–1.33% / year^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Riparian woods, ornamental suburban trees

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Stick nest hidden in tree or bush

5 April 1988

Block J-4

Observed pair flying from American River toward trees in Cordova Park . . .
located adult on nest in trees.