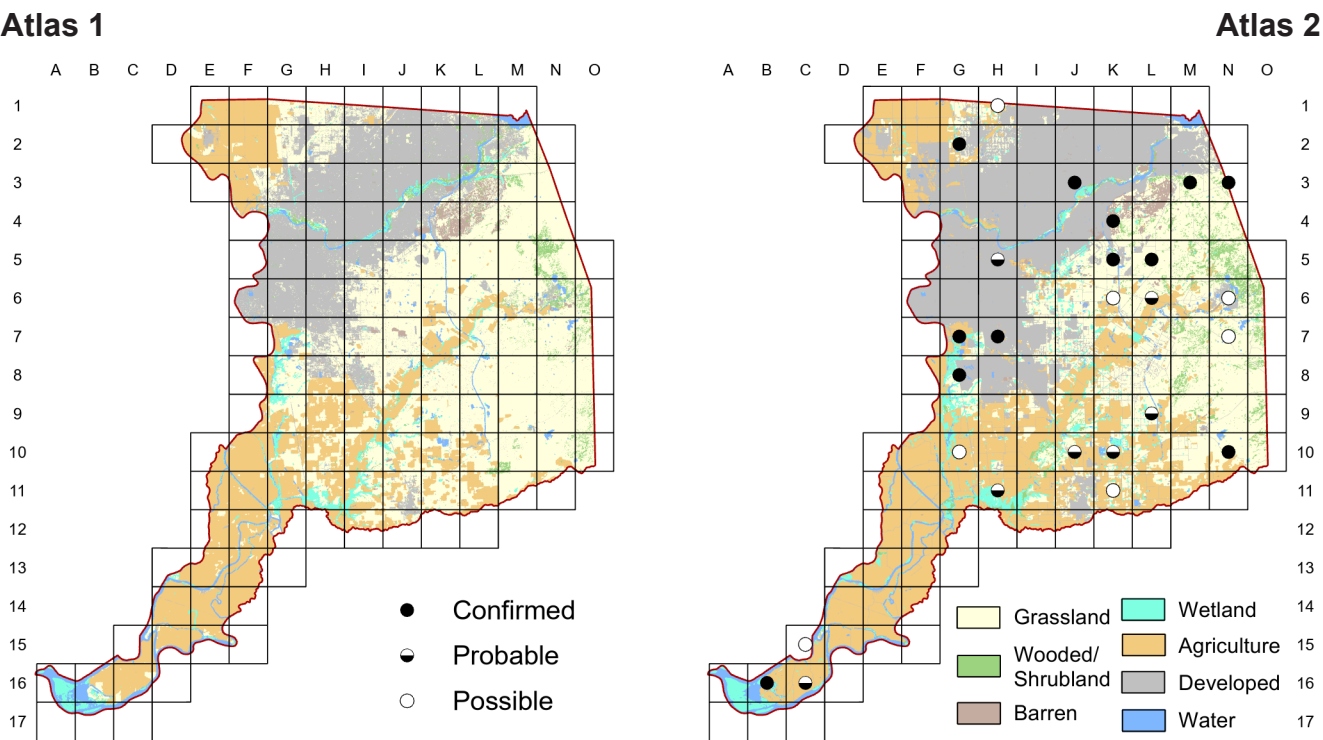


Great-tailed Grackle

Quiscalus mexicanus



Among recent expansions of range into California, the Great-tailed Grackle briefly held the record for speed and extent, until eclipsed by the Eurasian Collared-Dove. As discussed in Chapter Four, the ability of this species to take advantage of habitats near human development is clearly one factor in their success. It remains to be seen if their range in the county will stabilize, expand, or contract.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California	Rangewide ¹
11.06% / year ^s	0.92% / year ⁿ

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

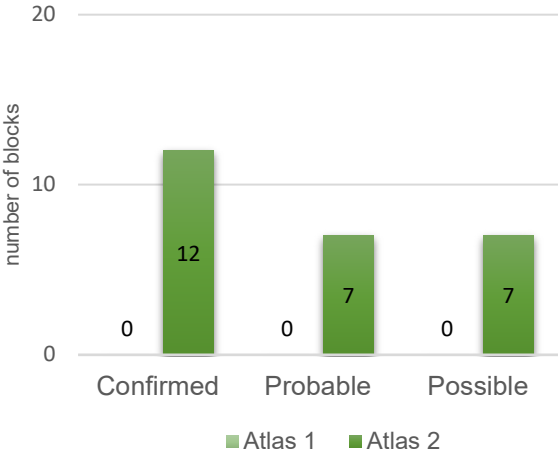
Breeding Habitat

Open woodland near water, wetlands

Nest Type

Woven cup nest in emergent vegetation or tree

Comparison of Atlas Results



One male doing extreme courting behavior—very fancy display.