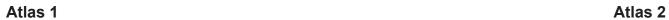
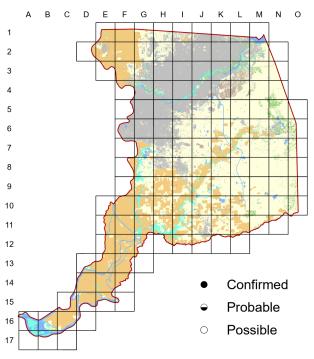
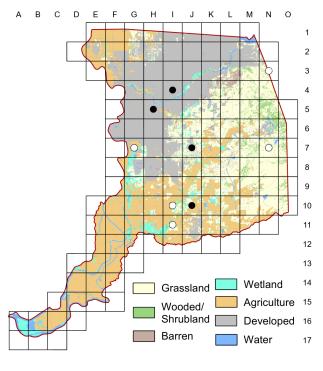
Hooded Merganser Lophodytes cucullatus







The appearance of Hooded Mergansers as breeders in Sacramento County is discussed in Chapter Four. Although the numbers of Hoodies wintering in the Central Valley was already increasing at the time of Atlas 1, breeding in the valley was not confirmed until 1996, three years after the end of that atlas.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California Rangewide¹
No Data 4.77% / year^s

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

Breeding Habitat Riparian/wetlands with trees

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type
Cavity near water

26 April 2020 Block I-11

Female flushed along slough. Low, burry calls as she flushed. Has nested in Wood Duck boxes along slough.