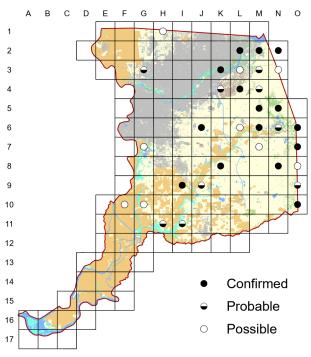
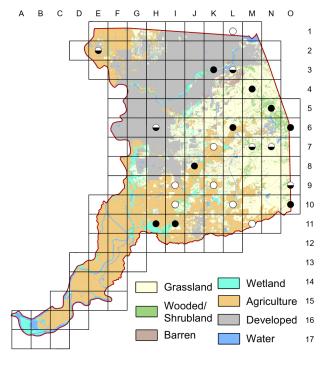
Lark Sparrow Chondestes grammacus







As with so many grassland birds, the Lark Sparrow is in long-term, widespread decline. Given the conversion of much of this habitat in the county, the reduced breeding range shown above fits with our expectations for this species.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California Rangewide¹
-1.50% / year^s -1.18% / year^s

<u>Breeding Habitat</u> Grassland/open country, oak savanna

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type
Cup nest, usually on the ground

10 May 2018 Block 0-10

Saw one land on a small ledge along the creek and crawl into a loose tunnel in the grass. When I approached, I could see the bird incubating a nest on the ground.

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