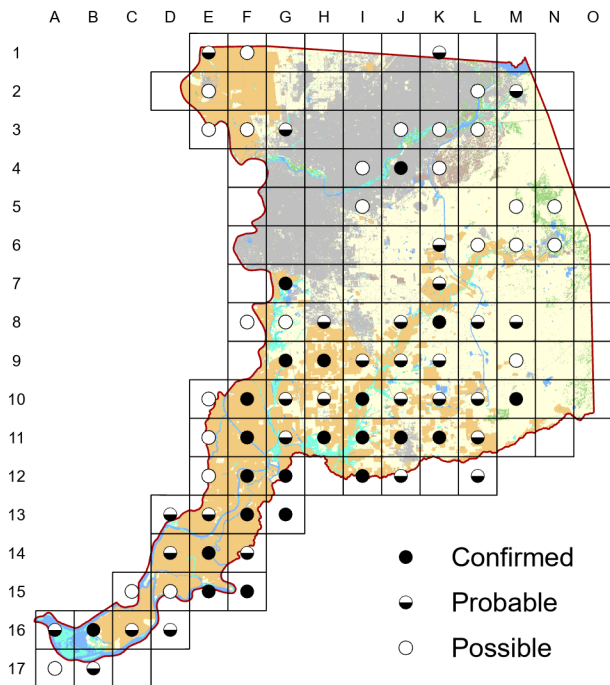
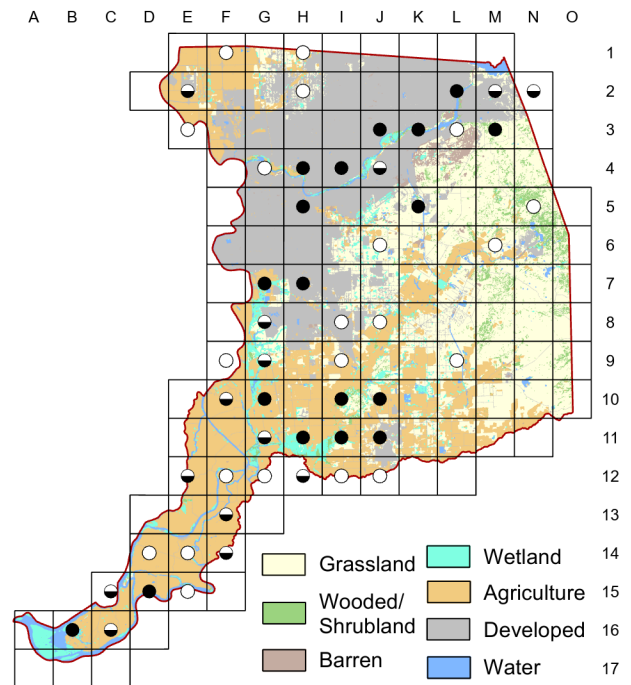


Song Sparrow *Melospiza melodia*

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



In much of the county the Song Sparrow is the only sparrow left in summer (not including towhees) after the wintering species depart, singing its beautiful song throughout the hot days. Differences between the atlases probably reflect varied coverage and access rather than major changes in distribution. The increased confirmations in Atlas 2 along the American River Parkway could suggest that the habitat there has matured and become more suitable.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California
–0.0% / yearⁿ

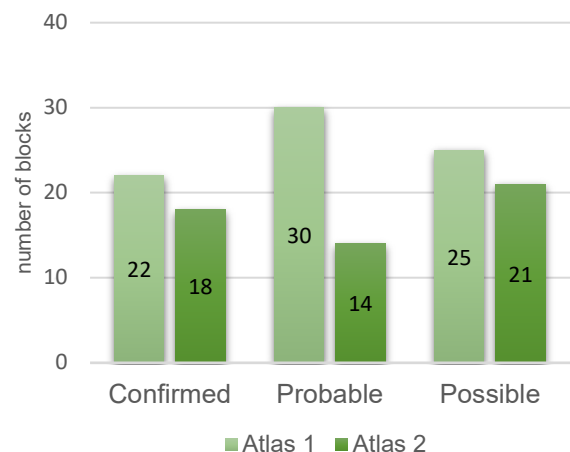
Rangewide¹
–0.59% / year^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Varied habitats, but always near water

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Cup nest on ground or low in a shrub

6 June 2015

Block H-4

Carrying/holding food (bug of some sort) below us, seemingly wanting to deliver food to a nestling but not wanting us to see where the nest was located.