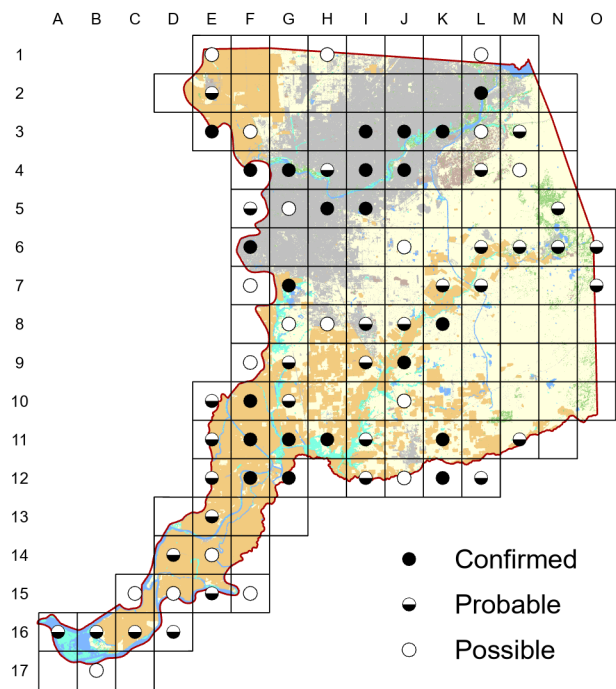


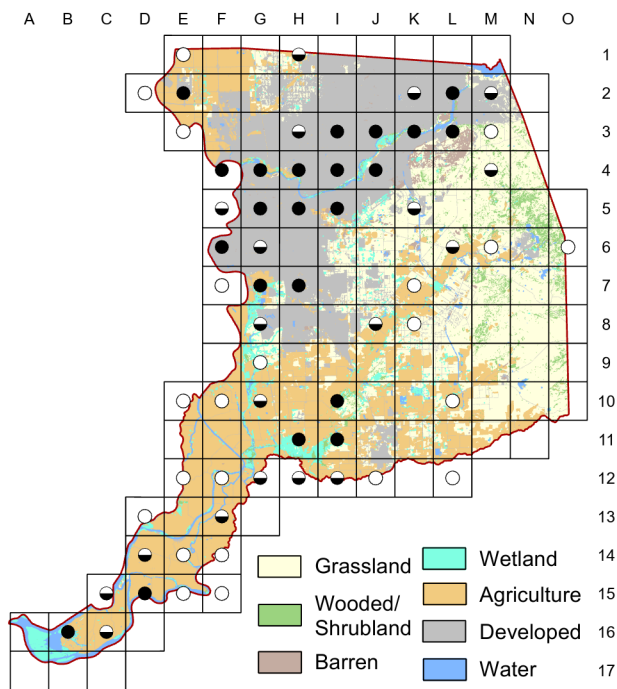
Spotted Towhee

Pipilo maculatus

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



One of the most conspicuous if not the most sonorous of birds in the breeding chorus, what the Spotted Towhee lacks in musicality is more than made up for by its striking appearance. If less common, it might be appreciated even more. In the county it prefers areas with dense vegetation, low to the ground, with or without an overstory of trees. Changes between the two atlases are likely attributable to differing methodology.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

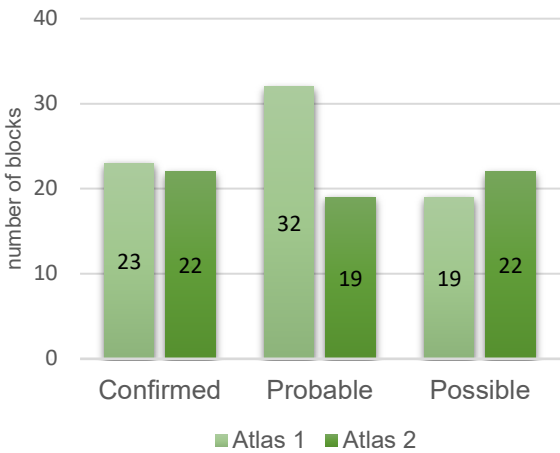
California	Rangewide <sup>1</sup>
–0.49% / year <sup>s</sup>	–0.08% / year <sup>n</sup>

<sup>1</sup>North America; <sup>s</sup>significant, <sup>n</sup>nonsignificant; Source: Sauer et al. 2020

Breeding Habitat

Open or wooded sites  
with dense shrubby vegetation

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Cup nest, usually on the ground

4 August 2020

Block H-7

One was singing with a large larva/caterpillar in its mouth.  
A second was singing a distance from the first.