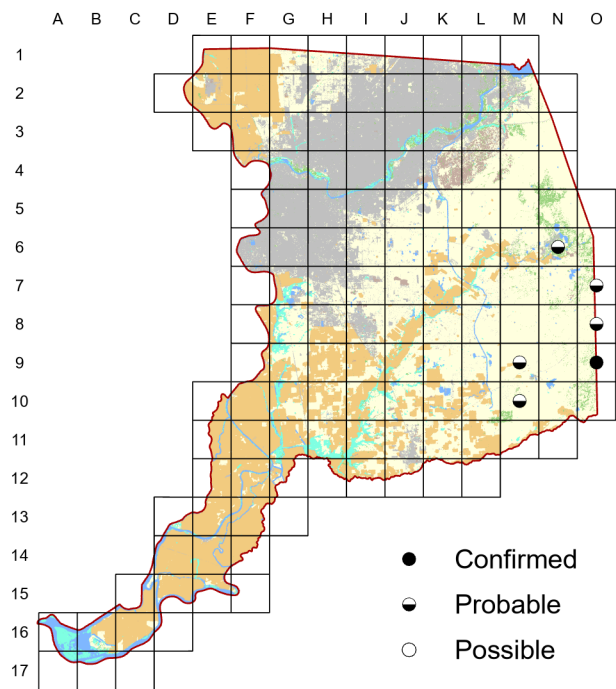
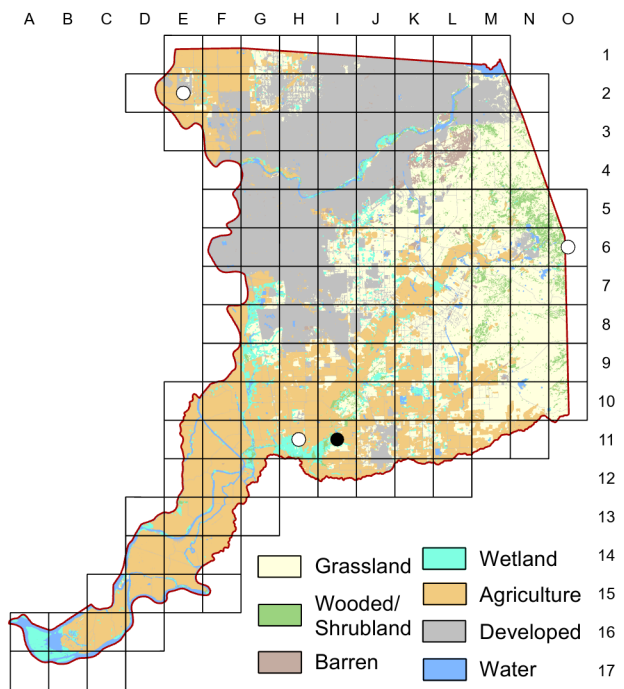


# Turkey Vulture *Cathartes aura*

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



Changes in breeding detections for the Turkey Vulture between atlases probably reflect differences in effort and access. They were nearly unreported as a breeder in the eastern part of the county during Atlas 2 (where most records were found in Atlas 1). Between the atlases and early into Atlas 2, they nested on the ground under dense vegetation in valley oak riparian forest at Cosumnes River Preserve. This bird is quiet and secretive around the nest.

## Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

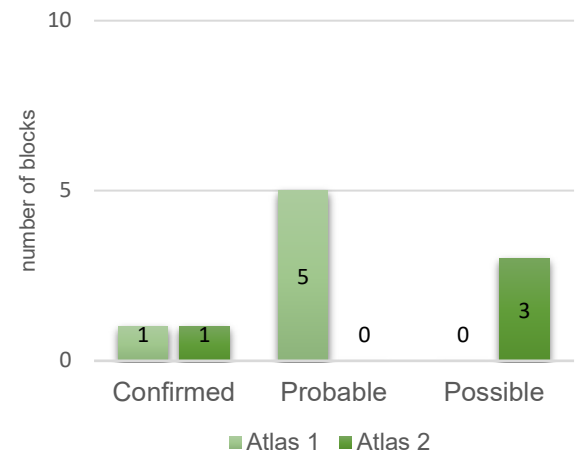
California	Rangewide <sup>1</sup>
1.79% / year <sup>s</sup>	1.78% / year <sup>s</sup>

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

## Breeding Habitat

Variety of open and forested habitats

## Comparison of Atlas Results



## Nest Type

Ledges, crevices; the ground under dense vegetation

24 May 2020

Block I-11

Flushed from forest floor in dense grape and blackberry. Suspect the bird was at least prospecting. John Trochet found a chick near this location several years ago.