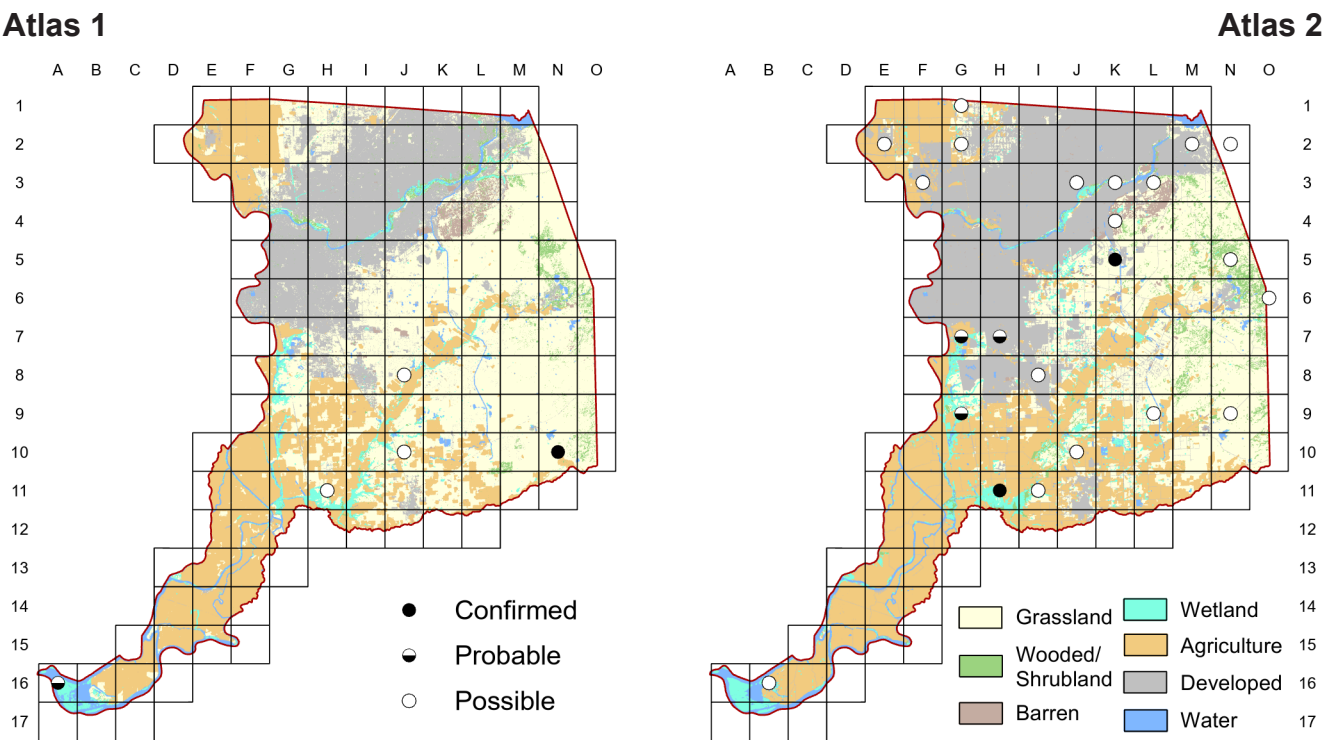


# Virginia Rail

## *Rallus limicola*



Secretive Virginia Rails are difficult to observe, and confirming breeding is even harder. Continued singing can at least lead to probable status. There were more reports in Atlas 2, likely a result of different methods between the two atlases. The rails use and perhaps breed in wetlands set aside in newly developed areas of Folsom, Elk Grove, and elsewhere. The lack of summer water in wetlands throughout the county is a limiting factor.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

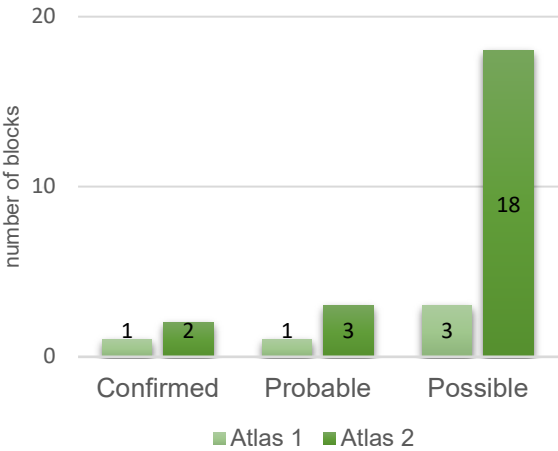
California	Rangewide <sup>1</sup>
1.0% / year <sup>n</sup>	0.35% / year <sup>n</sup>

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

Breeding Habitat

Wetland with emergent vegetation

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Concealed woven “basket”

15 May 2017

Block #-11

First time I’ve seen fluffy young rails.