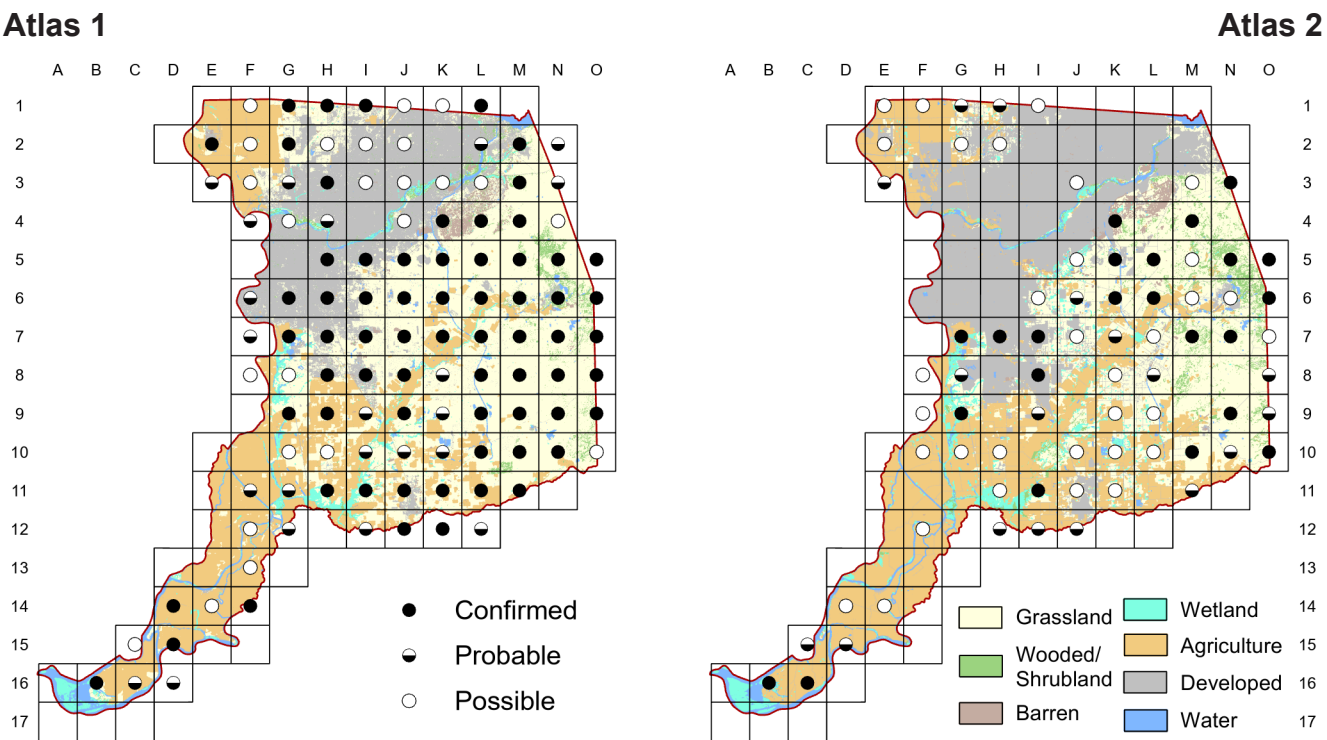


Western Meadowlark *Sturnella neglecta*



The Western Meadowlark seems to be another bird that has suffered from increased urbanization and more intensive agriculture in Sacramento County. This is certainly not unexpected, given the long-term, widespread declines for this species documented by BBS data. Even though this meadowlark is willing to breed in a wide variety of grassland habitat conditions, this flexibility has not allowed it to sustain a stable population.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

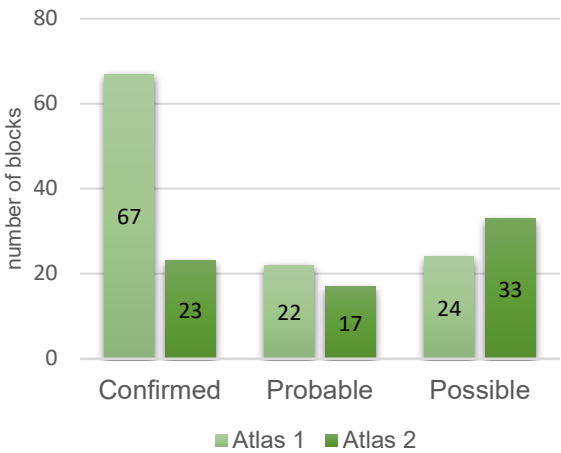
California	Rangewide ¹
-2.05% / year ^s	-0.88% / year ^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Grassland/open country, oak savanna

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

On ground, grass cup or dome

23 April 2018

Block N-7

Perched on fence line with a bill full of insects.