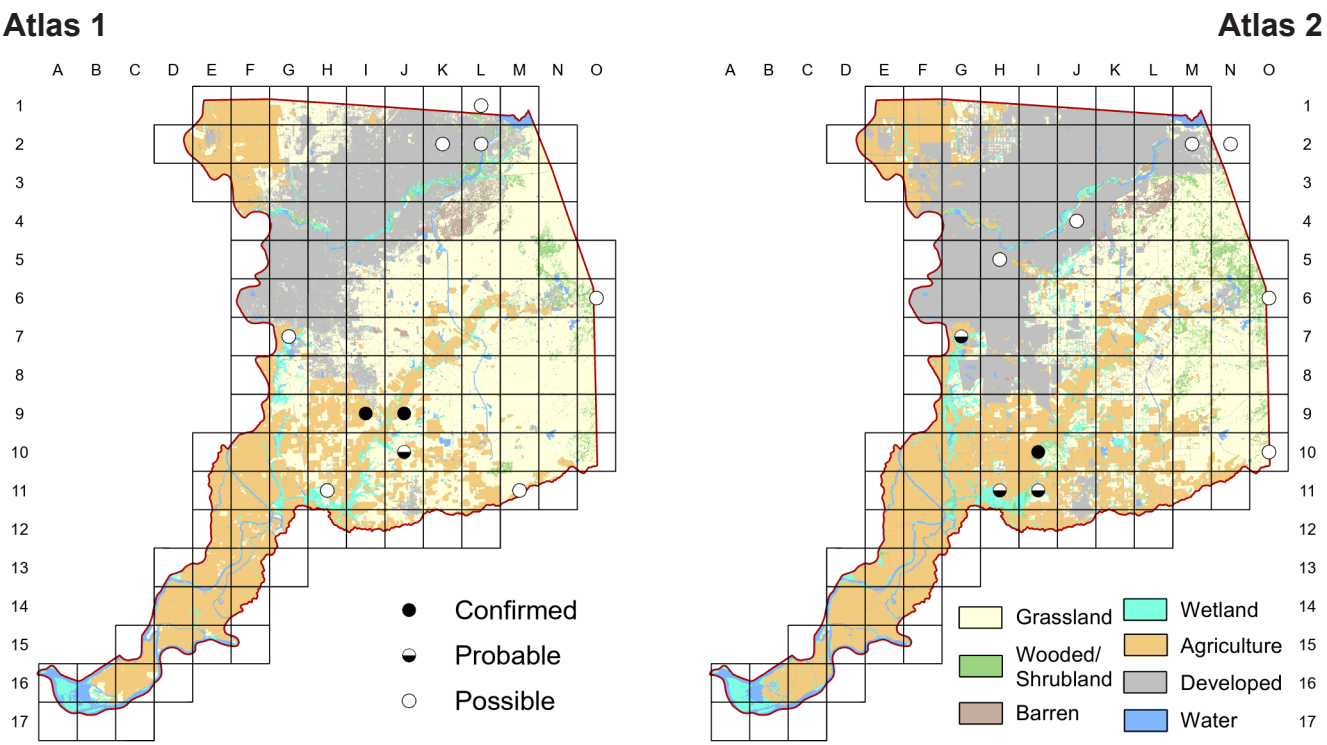


Western Wood-Pewee *Contopus sordidulus*



As expected of this uncommon Central Valley breeder, each of the atlases found only a few blocks with Western Wood-Pewees showing signs of breeding. In each case, these birds were in riparian habitats along the American, Sacramento, or Cosumnes rivers. As one of the latest migrants, one must be cautious about reporting breeding behaviors. However, birds lingering through May and well into June and July are most likely local breeders.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

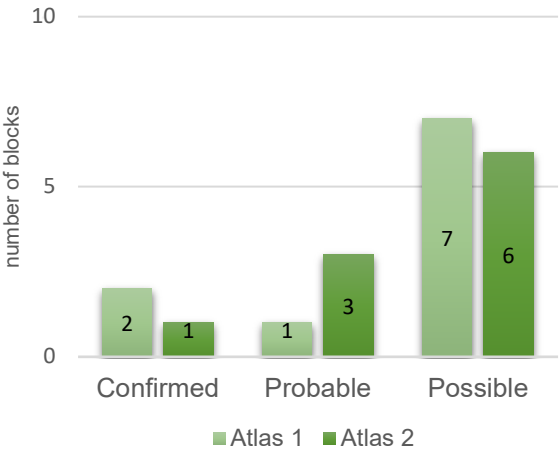
California	Rangewide ¹
-1.38% / year ^s	-0.87% / year ^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Woodlands, especially riparian

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Cup nest in tree

1927

R. Hoffman

A quick upward launch or downward dash after a passing insect ending with an audible click of the bill is followed by a rapid, twisting sweep back to the perch.