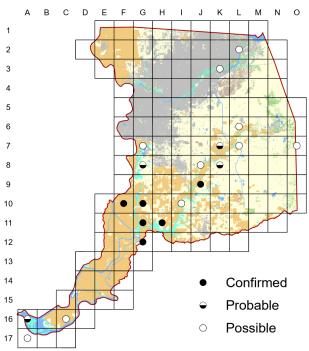
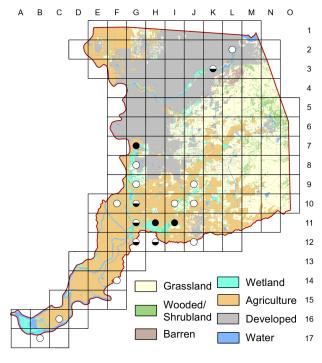
Wrentit Chamaea fasciata







Birders used to hearing (and sometimes seeing) Wrentits in open chaparral habitats are often surprised to hear that bouncing ball song coming from a densely wooded riparian area on the Central Valley floor. Wrentits are well established in many such areas, as long as there is dense understory. We think there has been little change in breeding status, with the small differences attributable to restricted access to some areas during Atlas 2.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966-2019)

California Rangewide¹
-0.53% / year^s -0.51% / year^s

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

Breeding Habitat

Chaparral and riparian areas with dense understory

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type
Cup nest in shrub

8 May 2017 Block G-7

Scolding and chasing a scrub-jay for several minutes near a likely nest site.

Chased the jay 20 feet up into a willow.