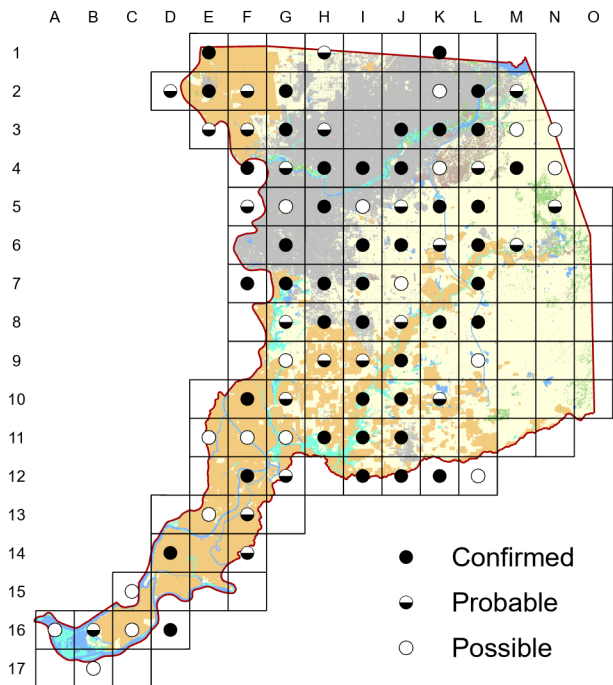
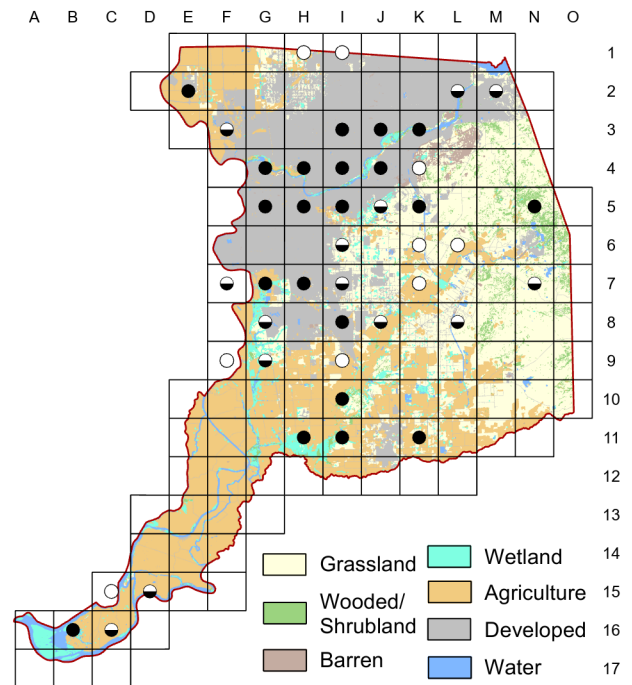


# White-tailed Kite *Elanus leucurus*

Atlas 1



Atlas 2



The California population of the White-tailed Kite has undergone significant dips and recoveries over the past century, but the more recent trend has been negative. Our results may mirror that, with kites appearing to no longer breed in several blocks used during Atlas 1. Many of those now empty blocks are in areas significantly impacted by development or conversion to more intensive agriculture, such as orchards or vineyards.

## Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

California  
–2.02% / year<sup>s</sup>

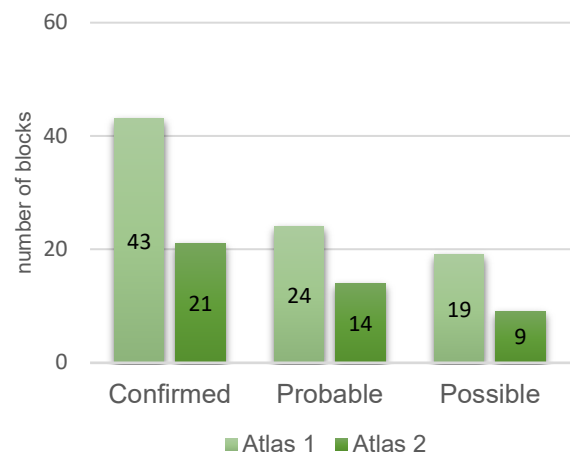
Rangewide<sup>1</sup>  
–1.2% / year<sup>n</sup>

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

## Breeding Habitat

Open country with some trees

## Comparison of Atlas Results



## Nest Type

Lined stick nest in trees

24 June 2016

Block I-8

One kept going to dead area of tree and broke off branches for nest.