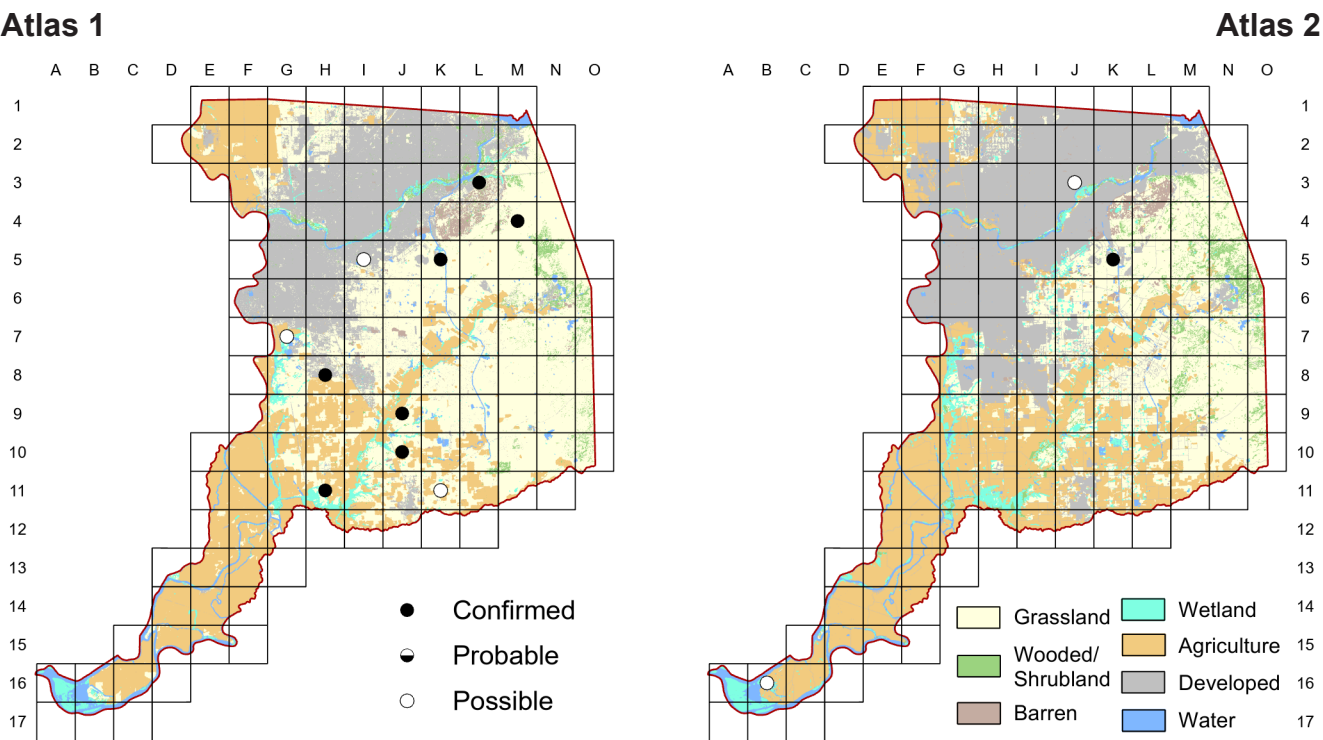


Yellow-headed Blackbird

Xanthocephalus xanthocephalus



Widespread loss of wetlands in the Central Valley led to declines in the Yellow-headed Blackbird prior to Atlas 1. Despite wetland restoration efforts in the county in the decades following, the summer-flooded, relatively deep-water habitat this species uses for nesting remains limited. Competition with the newly-arrived Great-tailed Grackle may also be a factor, as grackles now nest in at least three of the seven blocks formerly used by the blackbirds.

Breeding Bird Survey Trend (1966–2019)

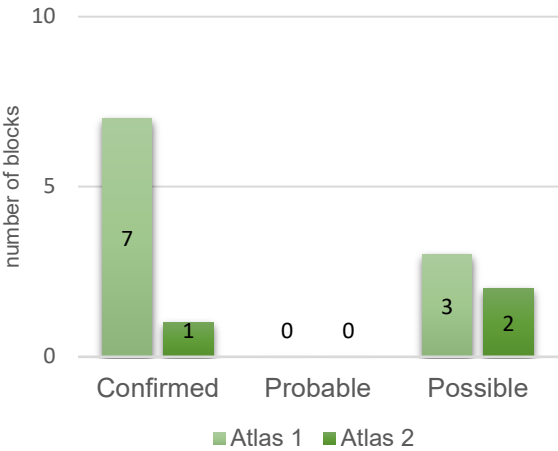
California	Rangewide ¹
–0.16% / year ⁿ	0.71% / year ⁿ

¹North America; ⁿnonsignificant; Source: Sauer et al. 2020

Breeding Habitat

Wetland with tall emergent vegetation

Comparison of Atlas Results



Nest Type

Well-constructed, deep cup nest

24 April 2018

Block K-5

There were three singing males and one female. One the males was displaying for the female, but she seemed unimpressed.