

# Habitat Model for Species: King Rail

Alpha Code: **KIRA**      Status: **Breeding**

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Landcover Category

## **14 - Willow Shrubland**

Reid, 1989  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Reid et al., 1994  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992

## **15 - Buttonbush (Swamp) Shrubland**

Robbins and Easterla, 1992  
Reid, 1989  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Rundle, 1980  
Reid et al., 1994  
Murchison, 1895  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992  
Cooke, 1914

## **26 - Grass Playa Lake**

Reid, 1989  
Bent, 1963  
Tacha, 1975

## **27 - Salt Marsh/Prairie**

Reid, 1989  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Rundle, 1980  
Reid et al., 1994  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992  
Cooke, 1914

## **28 - Spikerush Playa Lake**

Reid, 1989  
Bent, 1963  
Tacha, 1975

## **29 - Playa Lake**

Reid, 1989  
Meanley, 1953  
Bent, 1963  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975

### **30 - Low or Wet Prairie**

Reid, 1989  
Andrews, 1973  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Rundle, 1980  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975

### **31 - Freshwater Marsh**

Robbins and Easterla, 1992  
Manci and Rusch, 1988  
Reid, 1989  
Andrews, 1973  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Cairo, 1985  
Rundle, 1980  
Reid et al., 1994  
Meanley, 1953

Murchison, 1895  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992  
Cooke, 1914

### **32 - Bulrush Marsh**

Robbins and Easterla, 1992  
Manci and Rusch, 1988  
Reid, 1989  
Andrews, 1973  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Cairo, 1985  
Rundle, 1980  
Reid et al., 1994  
Meanley, 1953  
Murchison, 1895  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992  
Cooke, 1914

### **33 - Cattail Marsh**

Robbins and Easterla, 1992  
Manci and Rusch, 1988  
Reid, 1989  
Andrews, 1973  
Tanner and Hendrickson, 1956  
Cairo, 1985  
Rundle, 1980  
Reid et al., 1994  
Meanley, 1953  
Murchison, 1895  
Bent, 1963  
Meanley, 1969  
Baird II, 1974  
Tacha, 1975  
Meanley, 1992  
Cooke, 1914

Nests in roadside ditches, canals, canal banks, oat fields and fallow land. Also will nest in rice fields.



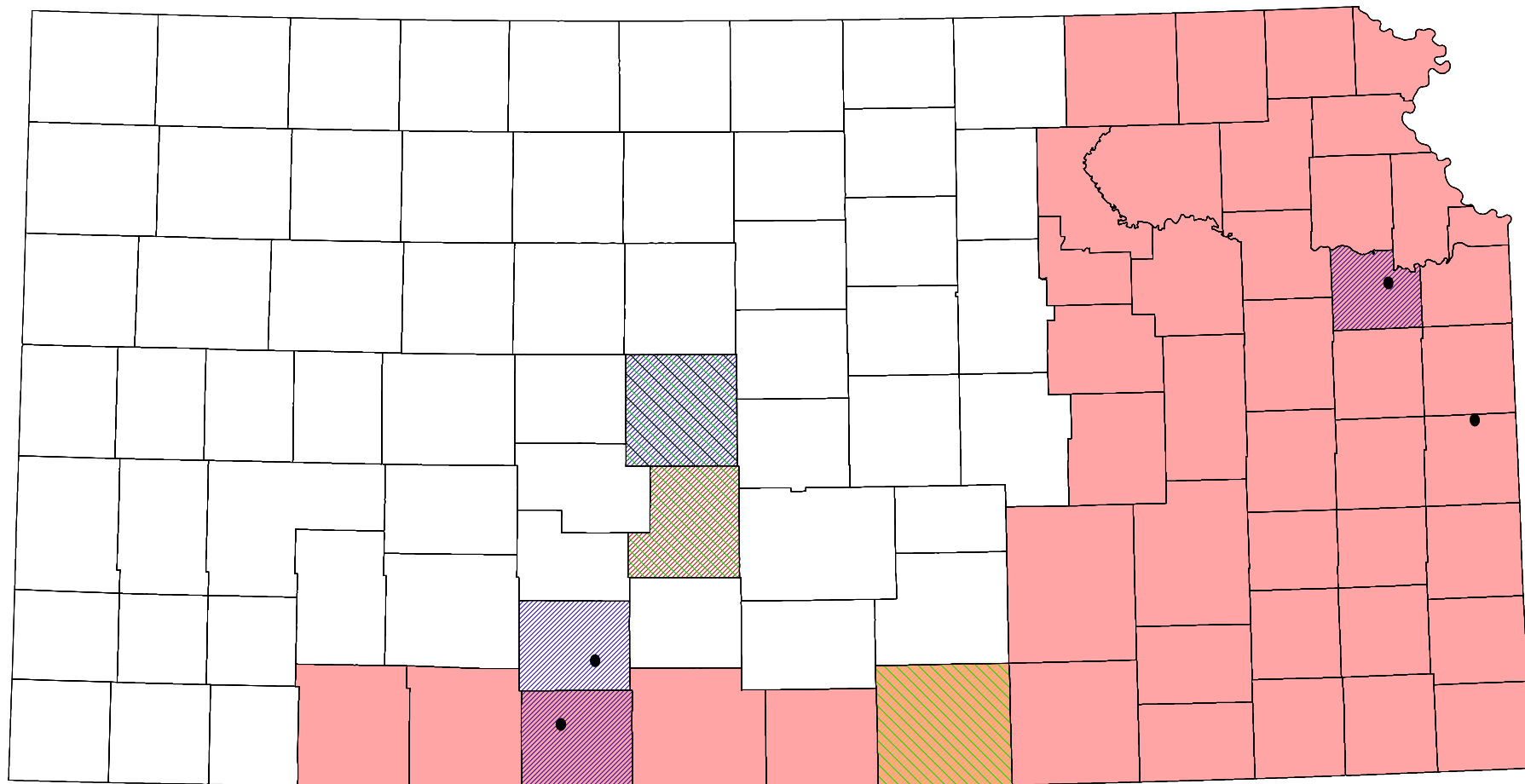
## **70 - Weedy Marsh**

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## Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas

 Confirmed Breeding

 Probable Breeding

 Possible Breeding

 Breeding Bird Survey

 *Birds of Kansas,  
Horned Lark*

 Range from Johnsgard, 1998  
*The Birds of Nebraska*

• Kansas Biological Survey Data

Habitat

All shaded counties will be included in the possible distribution of the species.

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