

# Habitat Model for Species: Little Blue Heron

Alpha Code: LBHE      Status: Breeding

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## Landcover Category

### **0 - Comments**

[general]  
[KS GAP]

### Habitat Restrictions

In woodland/forest habitat not necessarily near water.  
Map #'s 1, 2, and 3 (upland forest) within 1.6 km of listed  
nonforested wetland habitats.

### Comments

### **01 - Maple-Basswood Forest**

[KS GAP]      Within 1.6 km of listed nonforested wetland habitats.  
Sutton, 1967

### **02 - Oak-Hickory Forest**

[KS GAP]      Within 1.6 km of listed nonforested wetland habitats.  
Sutton, 1967

### **03 - Post Oak-Blackjack Oak**

#### **Forest**

[KS GAP]      Within 1.6 km of listed nonforested wetland habitats.  
Meanley, 1955  
Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986  
Sutton, 1967

### **04 - Pecan Floodplain Forest**

Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **05 - Ash-Elm-Hackberry**

#### **Floodplain Forest**

Graber et al., 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **06 - Cottonwood Floodplain**

#### **Forest**

Meanley, 1955  
Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986  
Bent, 1963  
Graber et al., 1978  
Muench et al., 1986  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **07 - Mixed Oak Floodplain**

Muench et al., 1986  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **08 - Bur Oak Floodplain**

#### **Woodland**

Meanley, 1955  
Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986  
Graber et al., 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **09 - Mixed Oak Ravine**

Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

### **10 - Post Oak-Blackjack Oak**

#### **Woodland**

Sutton, 1967

### **11 - Cottonwood Floodplain**

#### **Woodland**

Meanley, 1955  
Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986  
Bent, 1963  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

## **14 - Willow Shrubland**

Hoppe and Kennamer, 1986  
Wiese, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

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

Meanley, 1955  
Hoppe and Kennamer, 1986  
DuBow, 1996  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Graber et al., 1978  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

## **26 - Grass Playa Lake**

Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995

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

DuBow, 1996  
Burger, 1978  
Custer and Osborn, 1978  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Heitmeyer, 1986  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

## **28 - Spikerush Playa Lake**

Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

## **29 - Playa Lake**

Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

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

Hoppe and Kennamer, 1986  
Custer and Osborn, 1978  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967

## **31 - Freshwater Marsh**

Hoppe and Kennamer, 1986  
DuBow, 1996  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Jones, 1978  
Heitmeyer, 1986  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967  
Schwilling, 1953

## **32 - Bulrush Marsh**

Hoppe and Kennamer, 1986  
DuBow, 1996  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967  
Schwilling, 1953

### **33 - Cattail Marsh**

Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986  
DuBow, 1996  
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984  
Bent, 1963  
Jones, 1978  
Heitmeyer, 1986  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995  
Sutton, 1967  
Schwilling, 1953

### **35 - Acid seep - not mapped**

Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986

### **35 - Neutral seep - not mapped**

Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986

### **36 - Cottonwood Savanna - not mapped**

Rodgers and Smith, 1995                      Next to water.

### **39 - Pondweed Aquatic Wetland - not mapped**

Hoppe and Kenamer, 1986                      edge.  
Hancock and Elliott, 1978                      edge.  
Rodgers and Smith, 1995                      edge.

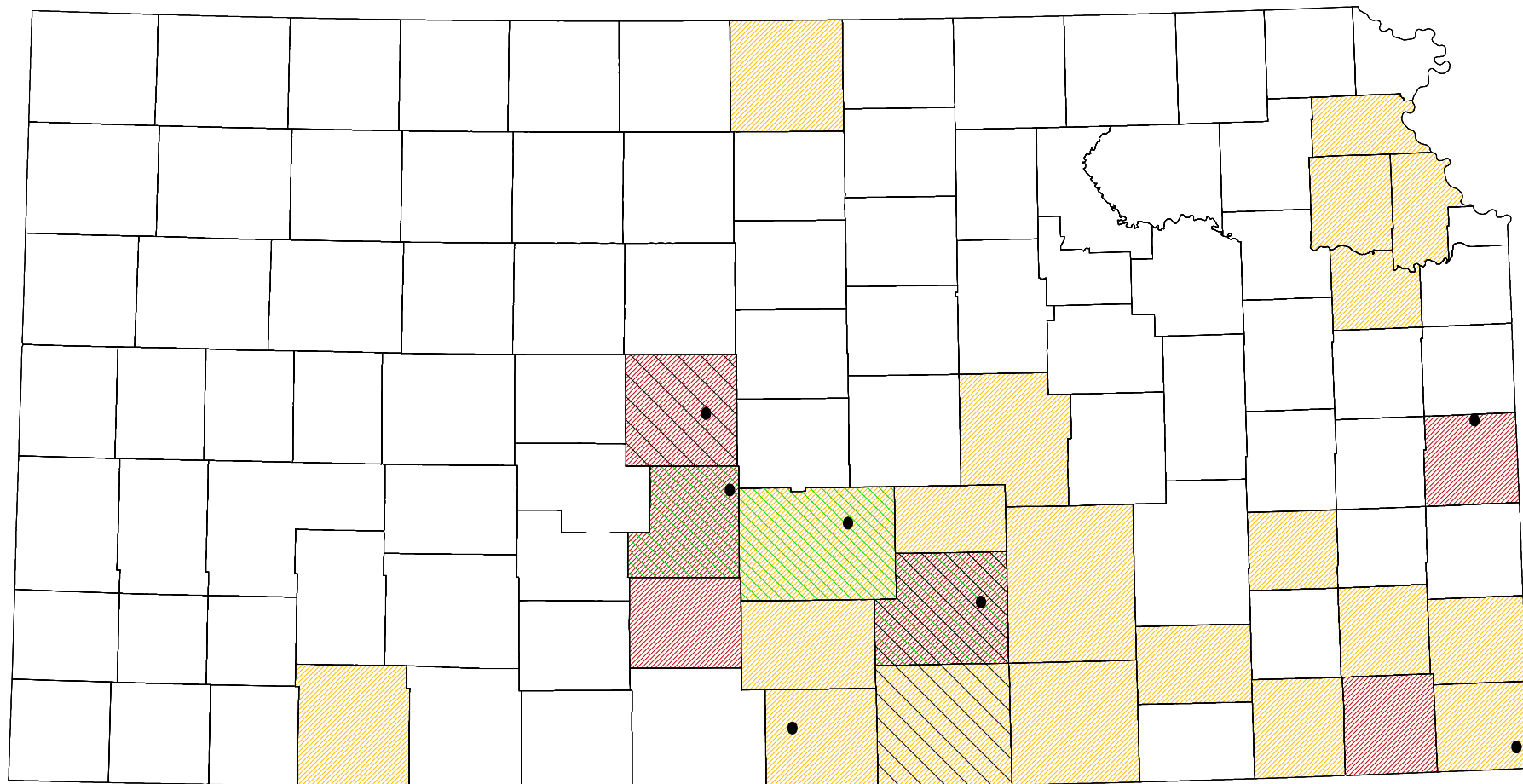
### **70 - Weedy Marsh**

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## Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas

- Confirmed Breeding**
- Probable Breeding**
- Possible Breeding**

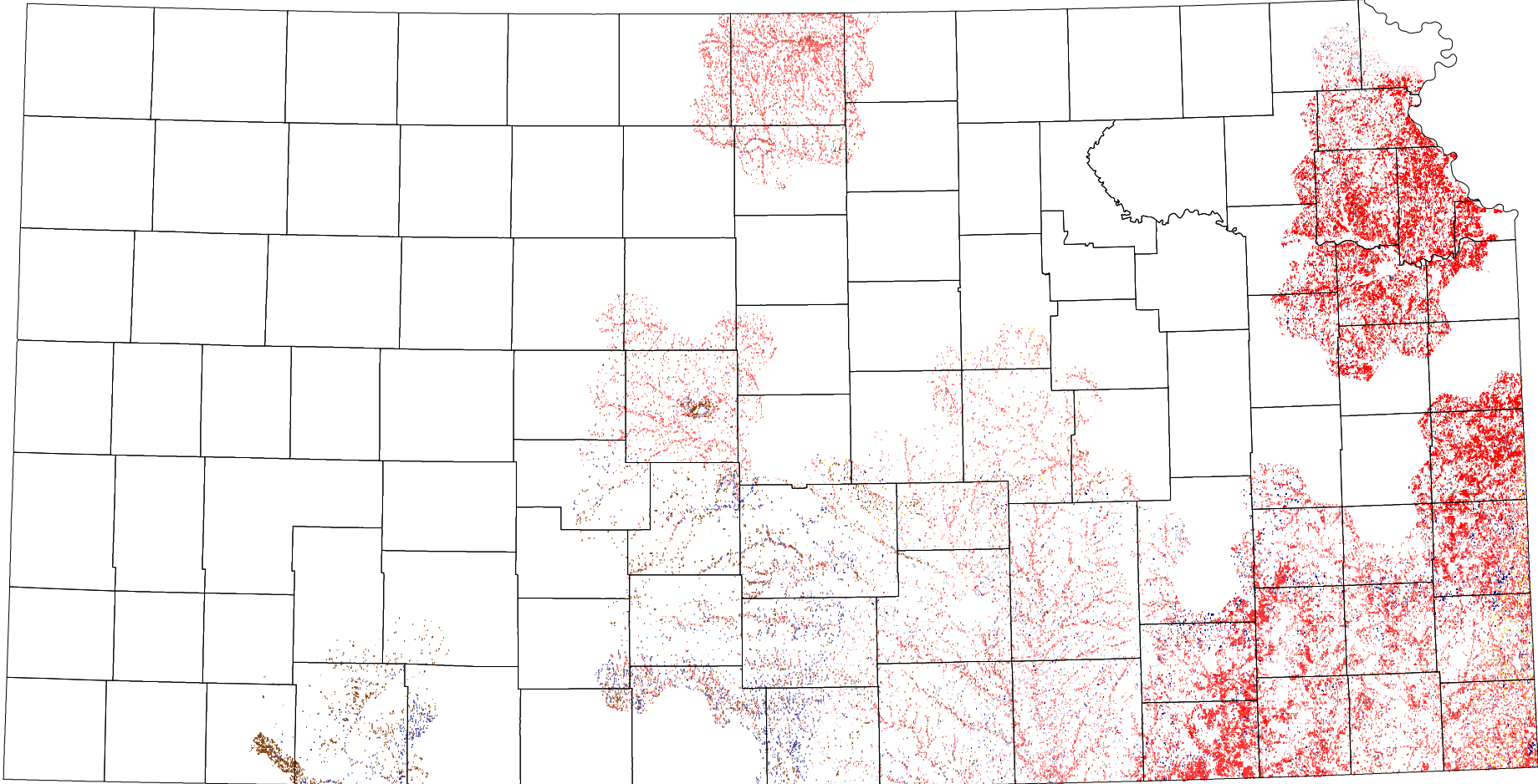
- Breeding Bird Survey**
- Birds of Kansas,  
Horned Lark*























- 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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	Maple-Basswood Forest*		Mixed Oak Floodplain Forest		Willow Shrubland		Playa Lake
	Oak-Hickory Forest*		Bur Oak Floodplain Woodland		Buttonbush (Swamp) Shrubland		Low or Wet Prairie
	Post-Oak-Blackjack Oak Forest*		Mixed Oak Ravine Woodland		Grass Playa Lake		Freshwater Marsh
	Pecan Floodplain Forest		Post-Oak-Blackjack Oak Woodland		Salt Marsh/Prairie		Bulrush Marsh
	Ash-Elm-Hackberry Floodplain Forest		Cottonwood Floodplain Woodland		Spikerush Playa Lake		Cattail Marsh
	Cottonwood Floodplain Forest						Weedy Marsh

\* within 1.6 km of mapped nonforested wetlands