

Habitat Model for Species: Yellow-crowned Night Heron

Alpha Code: YCNH Status: Breeding

[Distribution Map](#)

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Landcover Category

0 - Comments

[KS GAP]

Habitat Restrictions

Nesting in woodland/forest habitat close to water edge.
30 m edge of selected forests and woodlands (4,5,6,7,8,11)
adjacent to selected marshes (26-33,38,70).

Thompson and Ely, 1989

Schwilling, 1953

Comments

Largest numbers at Cheyenne Bottoms, where it is found in cattails. Generally nests alone.

Nested in heron rookery in a thicket of osage orange about 1/2 mile southwest of Ackley Lake in Finney County. (1952)

04 - Pecan Floodplain Forest

[KS GAP]

Map 30 m edge next to marshes or water (31, 32, 33, 70).

Audubon, 1967

Hancock and Kushlan, 1984

Watts, 1989

Parsons, 1995

Hancock and Elliott, 1978

Nice, 1929

Johnstone,

Sutton, 1967

Graber et al., 1978

Bent, 1963

05 - Ash-Elm-Hackberry

Floodplain Forest

[KS GAP]

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Audubon, 1967

Hancock and Kushlan, 1984

Watts, 1989

Parsons, 1995

Hancock and Elliott, 1978

Nice, 1929

Johnstone,

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06 - Cottonwood Floodplain

Forest

[KS GAP]

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07 - Mixed Oak Floodplain

[KS GAP]

Map 30 m edge next to marshes or water (31, 32, 33, 70).

Audubon, 1967

Sutton, 1967

Graber et al., 1978

08 - Bur Oak Floodplain

Woodland

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Audubon, 1967
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984
Watts, 1989
Parsons, 1995
Hancock and Elliott, 1978
Nice, 1929
Johnstone,
Sutton, 1967
Graber et al., 1978
Bent, 1963

09 - Mixed Oak Ravine

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Hancock and Kushlan, 1984
Watts, 1989
Parsons, 1995
Hancock and Elliott, 1978
Nice, 1929
Johnstone,
Sutton, 1967
Graber et al., 1978
Bent, 1963

11 - Cottonwood Floodplain

Woodland

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Sutton, 1967
Graber et al., 1978
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14 - Willow Shrubland

Audubon, 1967
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984
Watts, 1989
Parsons, 1995
Hancock and Elliott, 1978
Nice, 1929
Johnstone,
Sutton, 1967
Graber et al., 1978
Bent, 1963

15 - Buttonbush (Swamp)

Shrubland

Audubon, 1967
Hancock and Kushlan, 1984
Watts, 1989
Parsons, 1995
Hancock and Elliott, 1978
Nice, 1929
Johnstone,
Sutton, 1967
Graber et al., 1978
Bent, 1963

31 - Freshwater Marsh

Thompson and Ely, 1989

32 - Bulrush Marsh

Thompson and Ely, 1989

33 - Cattail Marsh

Thompson and Ely, 1989

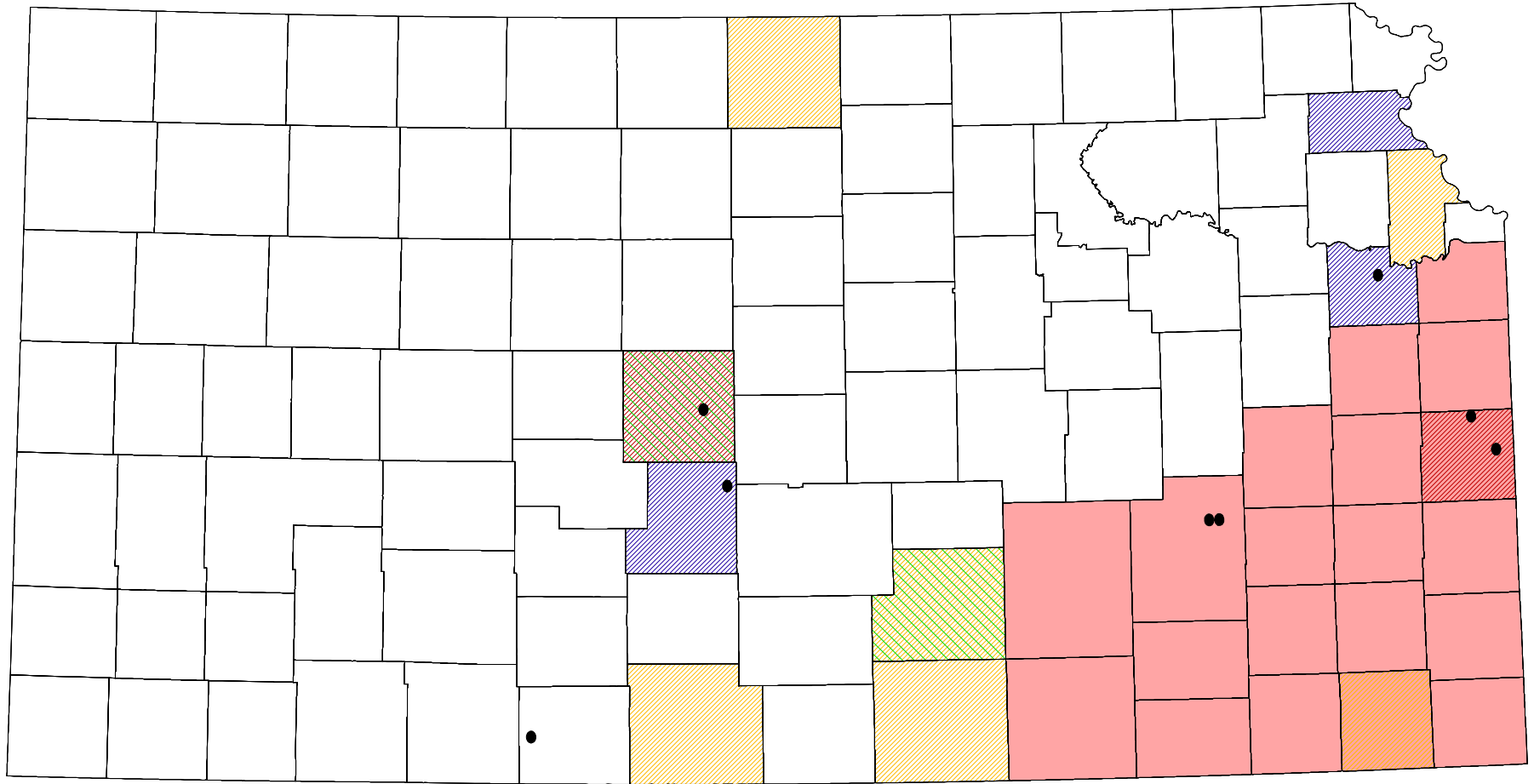
70 - Weedy Marsh

Thompson and Ely, 1989




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Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas

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

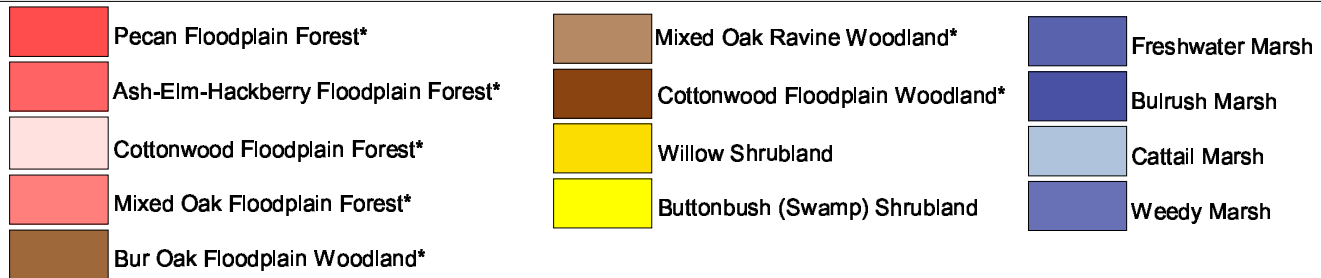
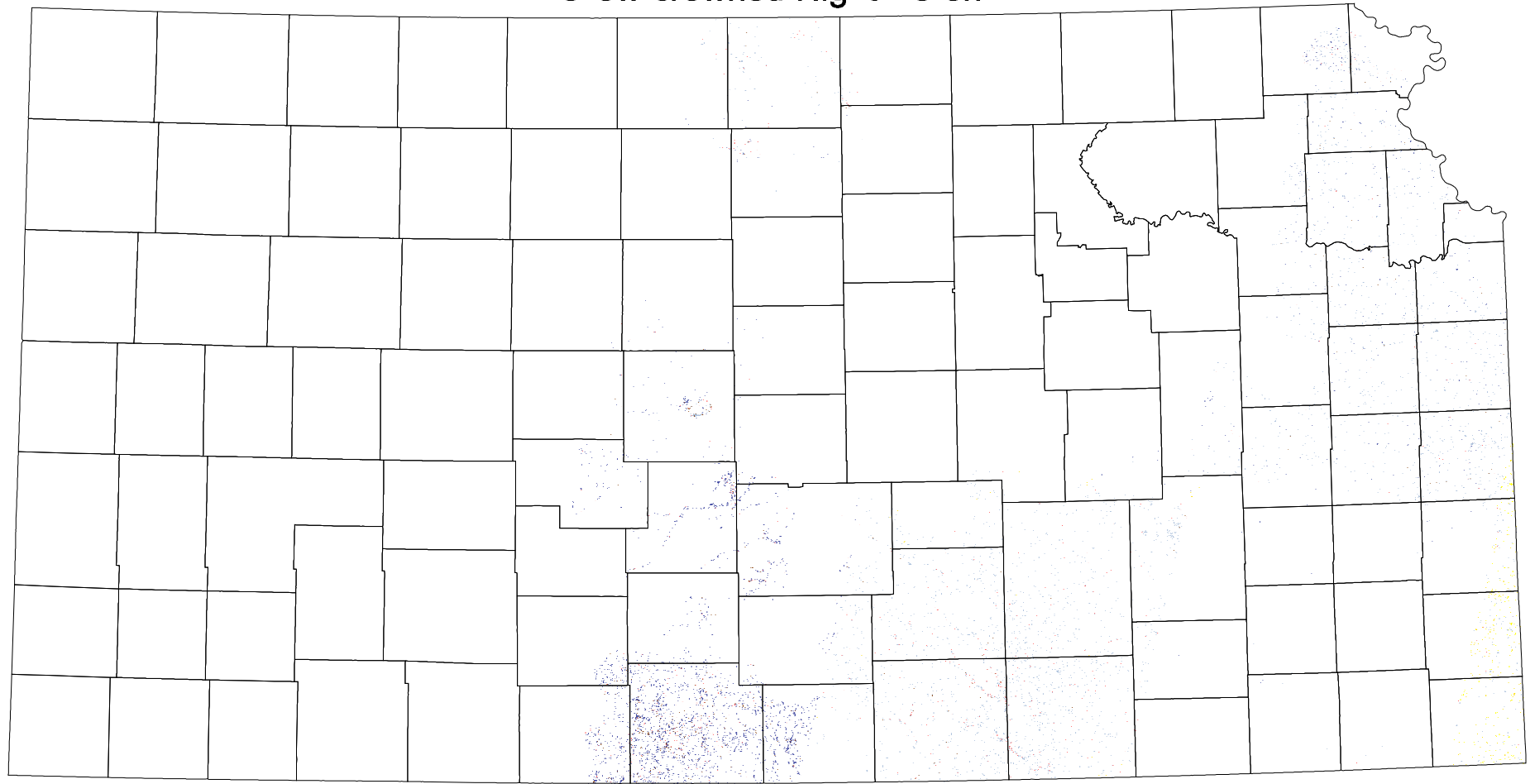
-  **Breeding Bird Survey**
-  *Birds of Kansas, Horned Lark*

-  **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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* 30 m edge if next to mapped herbaceous wetlands