

Habitat Model for Species: **Rock Wren**  
Alpha Code: **ROWR** Status: **Breeding**

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Landcover Category

**0 - Comments**

[Note]

American Ornithologist's Union, 1998

Merola, 1995

Rumble, 1987

Thompson and Ely, 1992

Johnsgard, 1998

Habitat Restrictions

Comments

Will try to use soil surveys to try to locate outcrops in prairie.

Arid or semi-arid areas with exposed rocks, canyons, and cliffs, usually with some bushy vegetation, also locally around man-made concrete or stone structure and gravel pits.

Large volcanic rocks covering a canyon above a grassland floor.

Scoria outcrops in Montana, selected habitats with larger outcrops.

Prefers rocky outcrops and eroded areas with rocks in generally arid environments. May be along riprap of large reservoirs. Observations in Cowley County have been on dry slopes of rocky hills (no breeding

Occurs on eroded slopes and badlands, rocky outcrops, cliff walls, talus slopes and similiar generally arid environments.

**17 - Tallgrass Prairie**

American Ornithologist's Union, 1998

Thompson and Ely, 1992

Johnsgard, 1998

Lowther et al., 2000

Based on description of "numerous sandstone outcrops are common" of Dakota Sandstone Tallgrass

**20 - Western Wheatgrass**

Matiasek, 1998

with steep canyons or rocky areas

**22 - Mixed Prairie**

Matiasek, 1998

Lowther et al., 2000

with steep canyons or rocky areas

**25 - Shortgrass Prairie**

Matiasek, 1998

Lowther et al., 2000

with steep canyons or rocky areas

**43 - Rock Outcrop/Bluff/Cliff - not mapped**

American Ornithologist's Union, 1998

Thompson and Ely, 1992

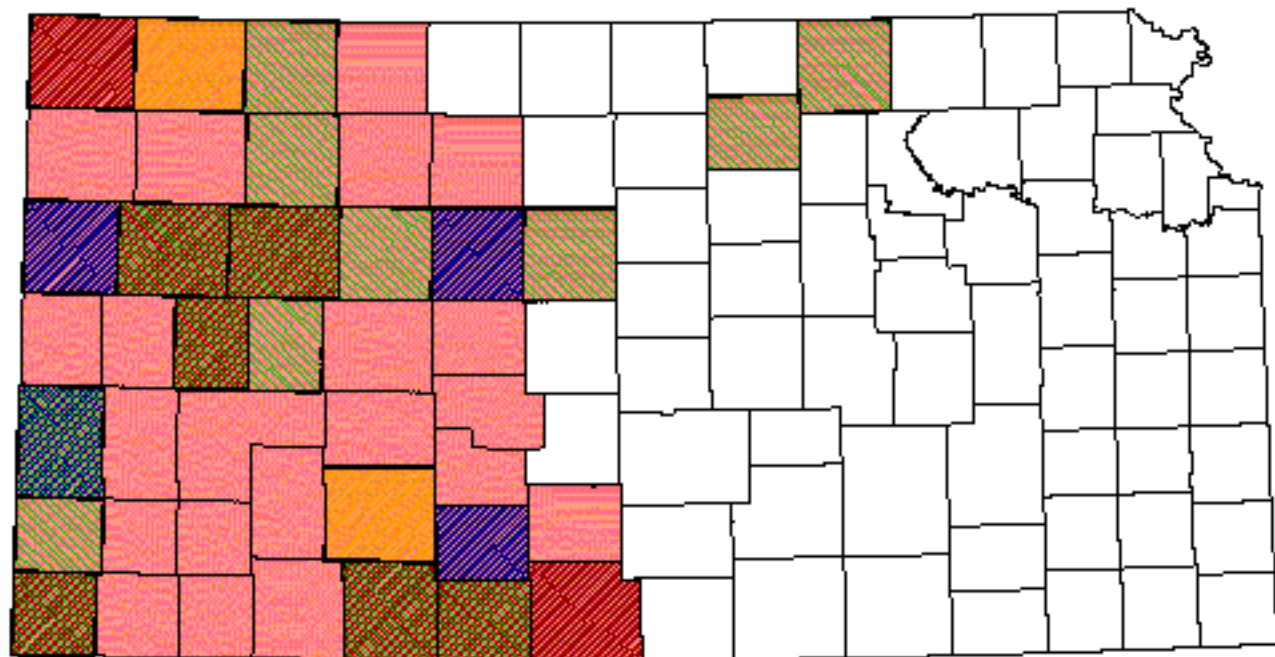
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## Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas

Confirmed Breeding

Probable Breeding

Possible Breeding

Breeding Bird Survey

*Birds of Kansas,*  
*Horned Lark*

Range from Johnsgard, 1998  
*The Birds of Nebraska*

## Habitat

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

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