

Habitat Model for Species: Great-tailed Grackle

Alpha Code: GTGR Status: Resident

[Distribution Map](#)

[Habitat Map](#)

Landcover Category

0 - Comments

Cable et al., 1992
Baicich and Harrison, 1997

Thompson and Ely, 1992

Schwilling, 1971

Habitat Restrictions

[KS GAP] Map all forest or woodland <= 2 ha and all of the other habitats selected.

Comments

only occurred in shelterbelts < 1 ha.
Nests most frequently in vegetation by or over water, in rushes, reeds and canebrakes, shrubs and trees; in trees or thickets along watercourses in drier
Most Kansas nests have been in small groves of trees in parklike settings.
Reports from 1969 to 1971. The number of sightings has increased each year since 1969. All nests were in trees.

01 - Maple-Basswood Forest

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

02 - Oak-Hickory Forest

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

03 - Post Oak-Blackjack Oak

Forest

[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

04 - Pecan Floodplain Forest

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

05 - Ash-Elm-Hackberry

Floodplain Forest

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

06 - Cottonwood Floodplain

Forest

[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

07 - Mixed Oak Floodplain

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

08 - Bur Oak Floodplain

Woodland

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

09 - Mixed Oak Ravine

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

10 - Post Oak-Blackjack Oak

Woodland

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

11 - Cottonwood Floodplain

Woodland

[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

31 - Freshwater Marsh

Rutledge and Chandler, 1979
Shackford, 1983
Brown, 1985
Porter, 1980
Faanes and Norling, 1981

cattails in a sewage pond

33 - Cattail Marsh

Rutledge and Chandler, 1979
Shackford, 1983
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cattails in a sewage pond

42 - Salt Cedar or Tamarisk Shrubland

Brown and Trosset, 1989

one nest found

50 - Deciduous Forest-Mined Land

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

51 - Maple Floodplain Forest

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

55 - Deciduous Woodland

[*****] Habitat not present within model parameters.
[KS GAP] <= 2 ha

70 - Weedy Marsh

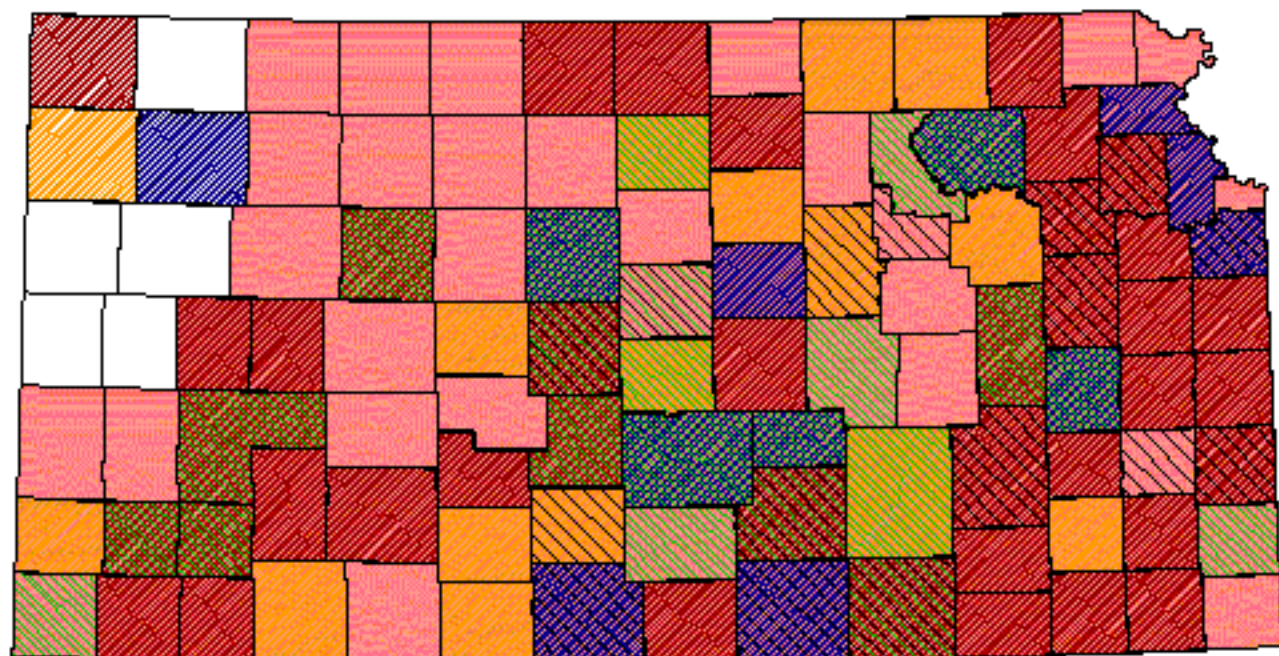
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cattails in a sewage pond


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Kansas Breeding Bird Atlas


 Confirmed Breeding

 Probable Breeding

 Possible Breeding

 Breeding Bird Survey

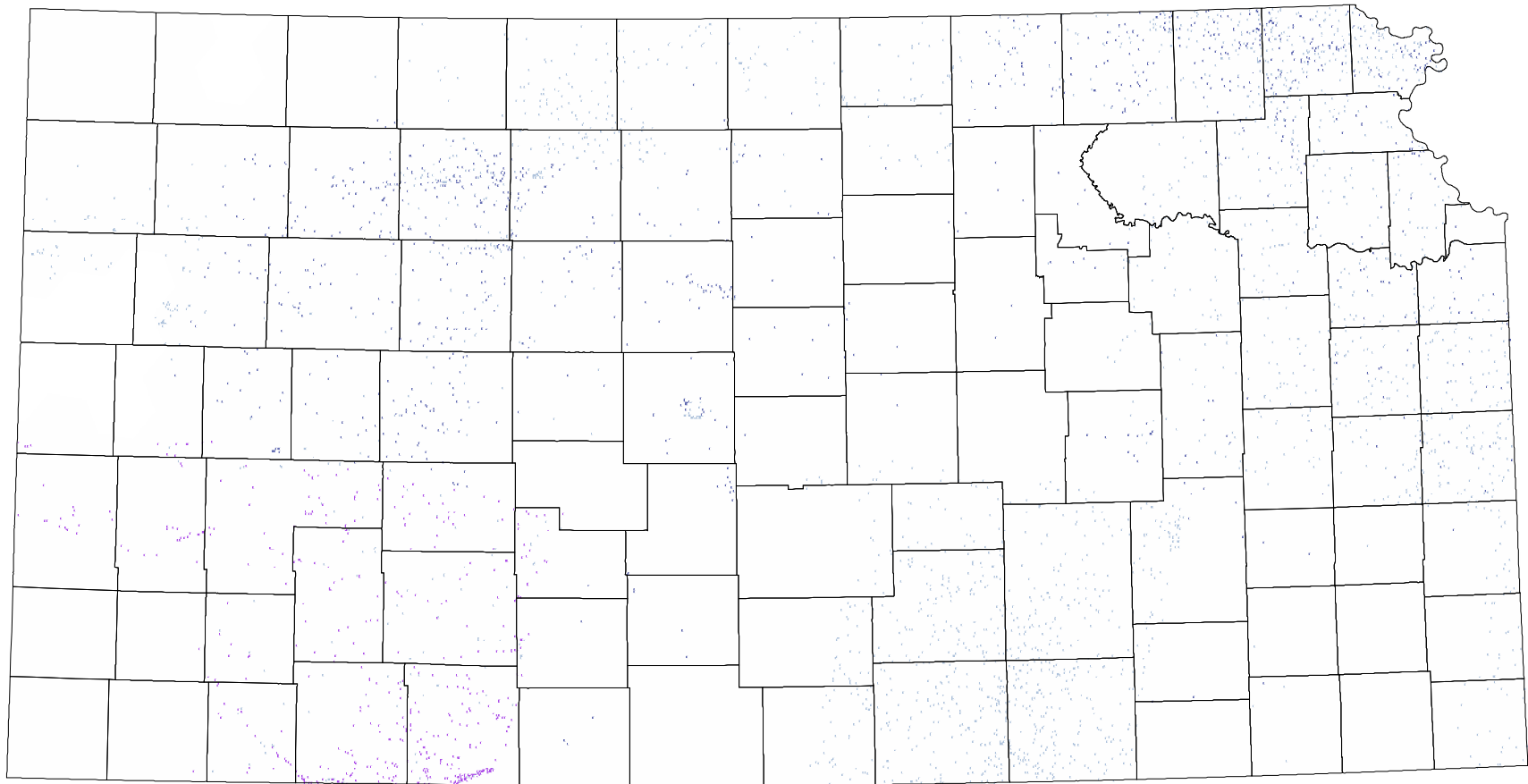
 *Birds of Kansas,*
Horned Lark

 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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* < 2 ha (small, isolated woodlots)