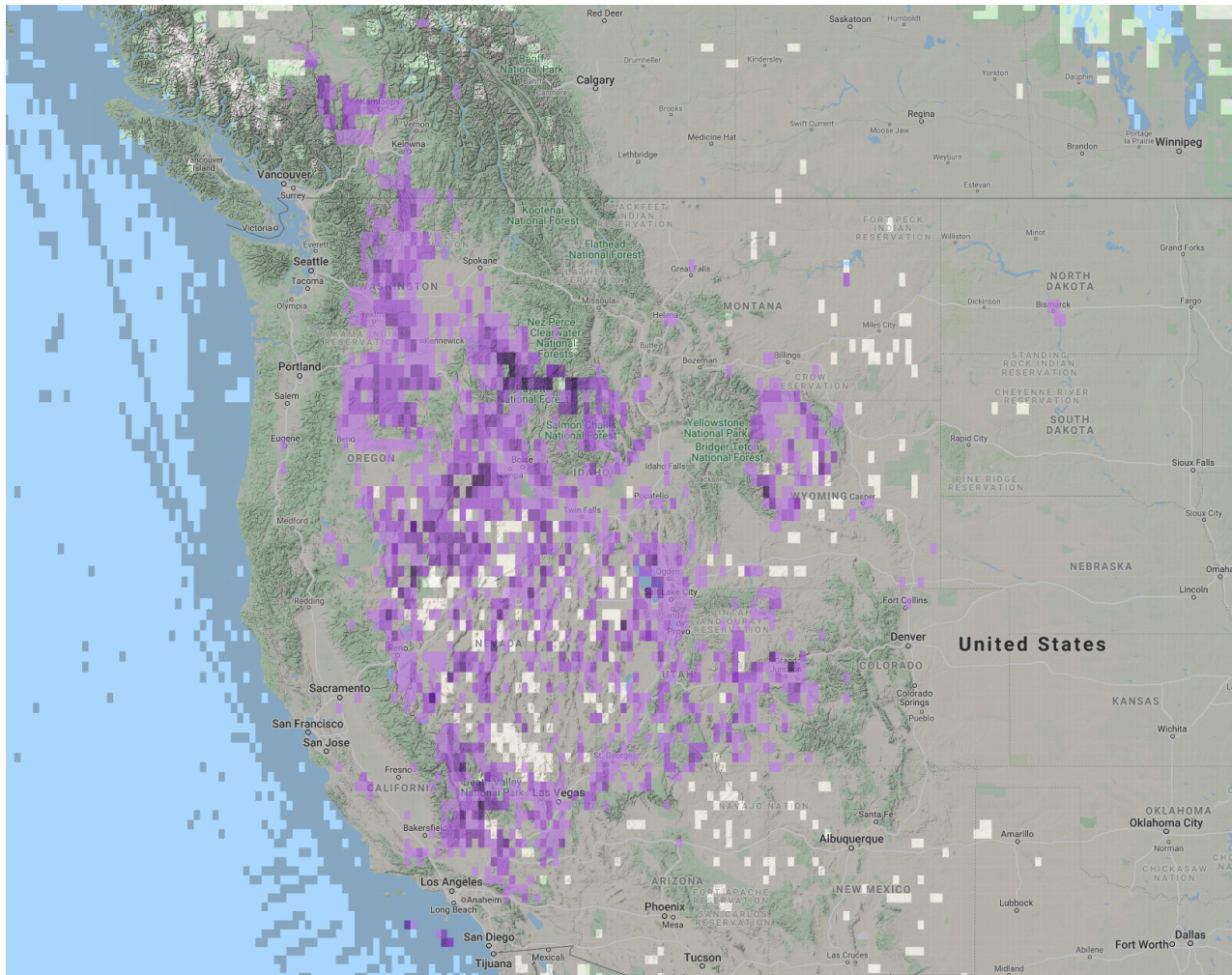


Dear Austin, Wendell, and Michael:

Once again, I am acting as the sole reviewer of your paper, though I promise it will be for the last time. Whatever you send me next, I will send out to other reviewers. Understand that my doing this is to maximise the chance of your getting this accepted.

My first concern is with your distribution map of the chukar. This is the eBird map, which seems to be substantially more informative than the one you included. Among many other things, were



one to use this map, I cannot see how one would predict the Central Valley of California as being suitable habitat. The range in California is very limited. While this map is just for presences, it's a simple matter with eBird data to look at absences. Those places where there are abundant surveys and don't find a species and compelling testimony to its absence there.

Second, you still haven't done what I asked before. So, let me explain in more detail. This map is one of where the species has been successful, more or less. One might quibble with the sightings around Bismarck, North Dakota. Now, I have no idea what it means when you write "SDMs produced accurate predictions ($\mu = 0.856$) and suitability favored states where Chukars were successfully introduced and are present."

What I'd like it to mean is that you have a list of sites where chukars were introduced and a list of sites where they failed and your model is successful and predicting which are which. So, does this mean that at 85.6% of the sites where chukars succeeded you predicted good habitat? If so, what's the number of sites where they failed? It would be brilliant if the data were more refined than by state. But, even if by state, how many introductions were there in Nebraska and Kansas — all of which failed? Within state is interesting, if you can do it. Some of your models predict

habitat in eastern Colorado. There are almost no records except for the extreme west of that state. So, again, how many introductions failed in Colorado? And, if possible where are there?

Look, the next step you want to take with this is obvious. You want to go to the database on chukar introductions and show that X% of them never had a change, irrespective of how many were introduced, because they were in the wrong habitat. If possible, you can show that Y% of them were introduced into places where you could have predicted it was the wrong habitat.