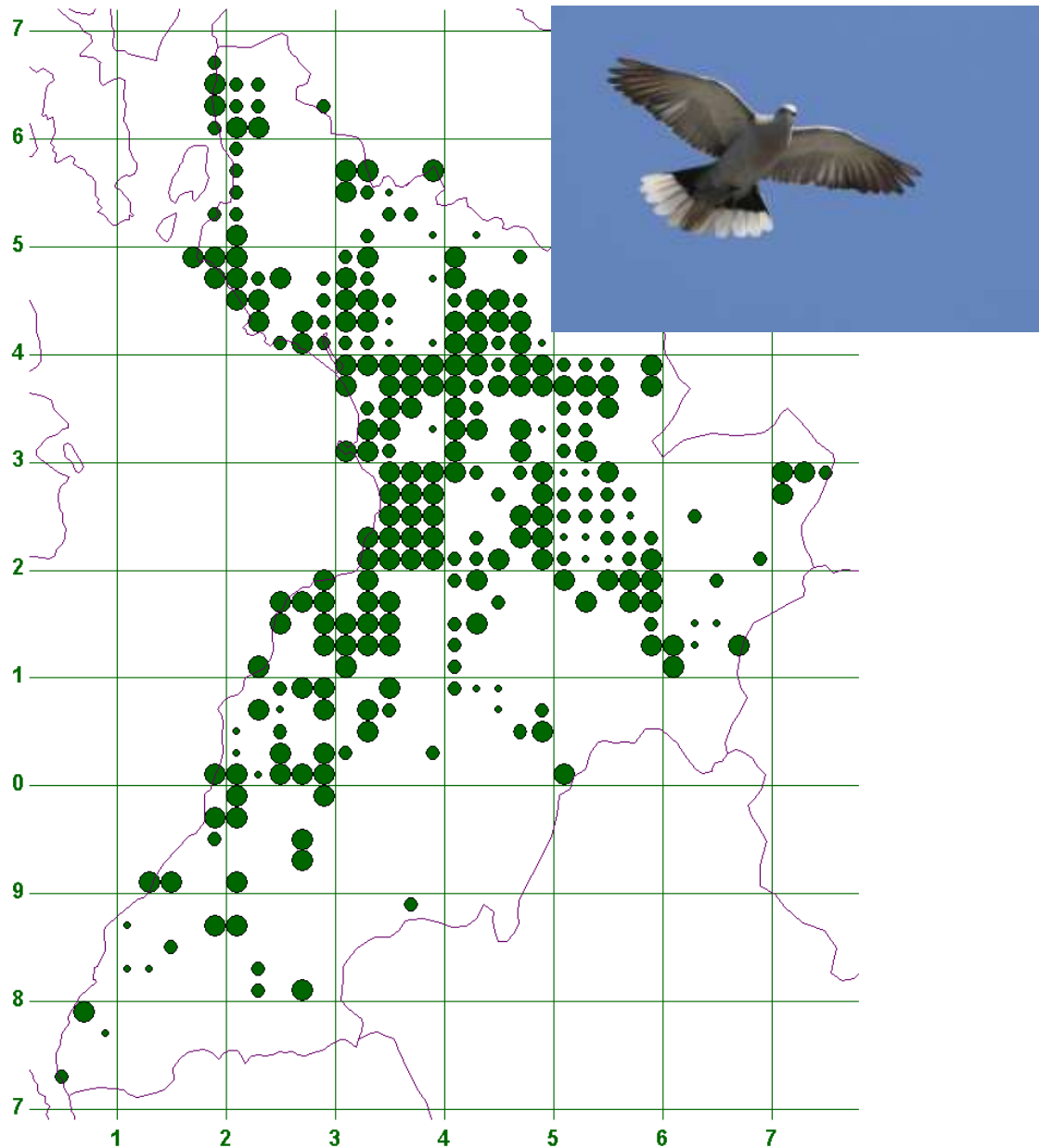


Collared Dove (*Streptopelia decaocto*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: Collared Doves have been extremely successful in their well-documented Westward spread through Europe. The first breeding record in Ayrshire occurred in 1959, at Girvan, and it's easy to forget this when we see how well they've fitted into both urban and rural bird communities today. No information is available on productivity or migration, both factors which could yet play an important part in the bird's future. At present, the breeding population seems to have stabilised after having slightly decreased in some parts of the county.

Follow up: A study of Collared Dove productivity within Ayrshire might help assess the prospects for the bird's future.