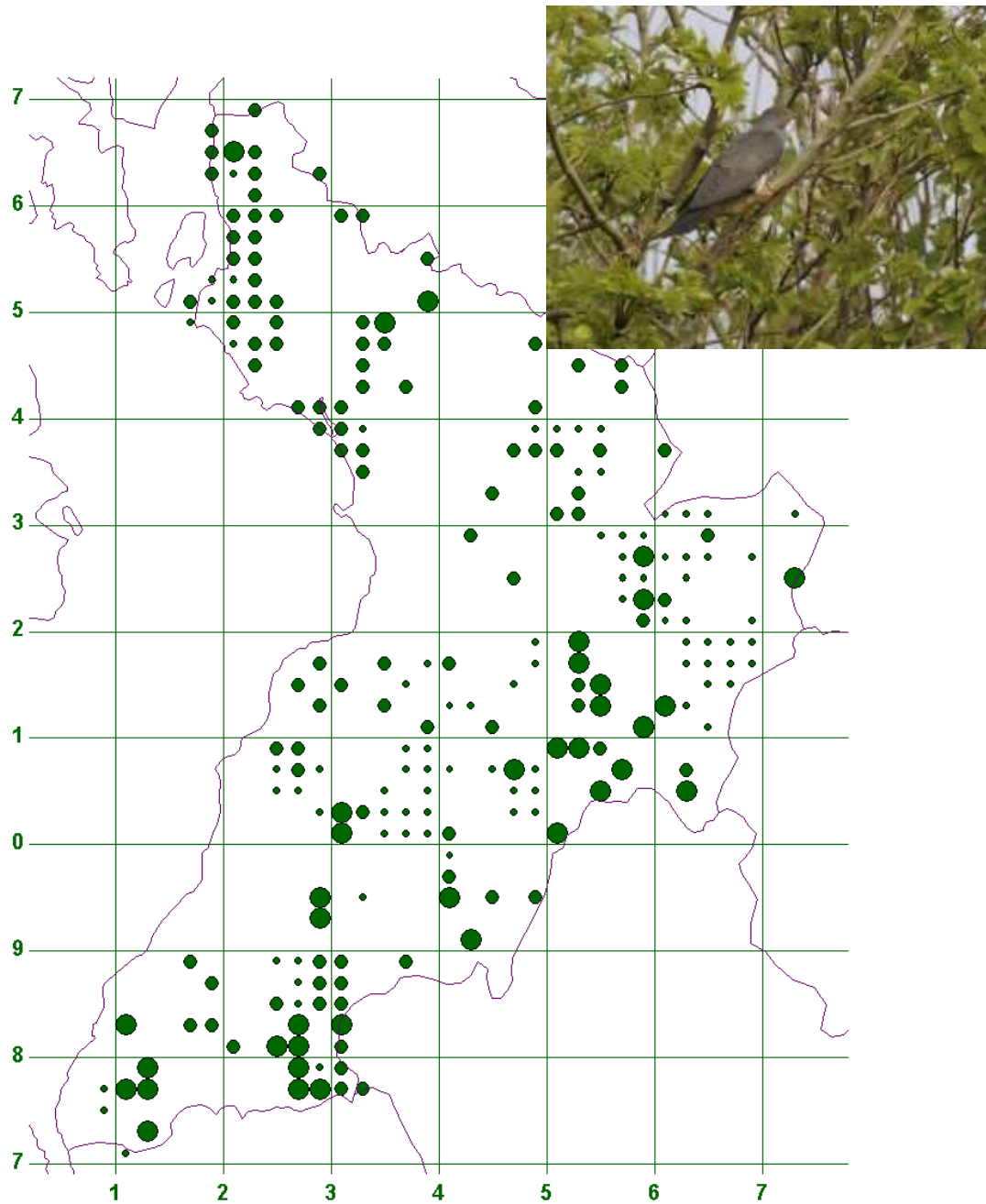


## Common Cuckoo (*Cuculus canorus*)



**Status:** Uncommon breeder.

**Current trend:** The distribution map probably underestimates the true abundance of Common Cuckoo as a breeding species in Ayrshire. There may well have been a recent increase, following the clear-felling of large areas of forestry in the South. Meadow Pipit (a common host species) has readily moved into these open areas. However, the Common Cuckoo is also well distributed in other parts of the county, in upland moorland.

**Follow up:** Continued reporting of breeding numbers to detect any changes.