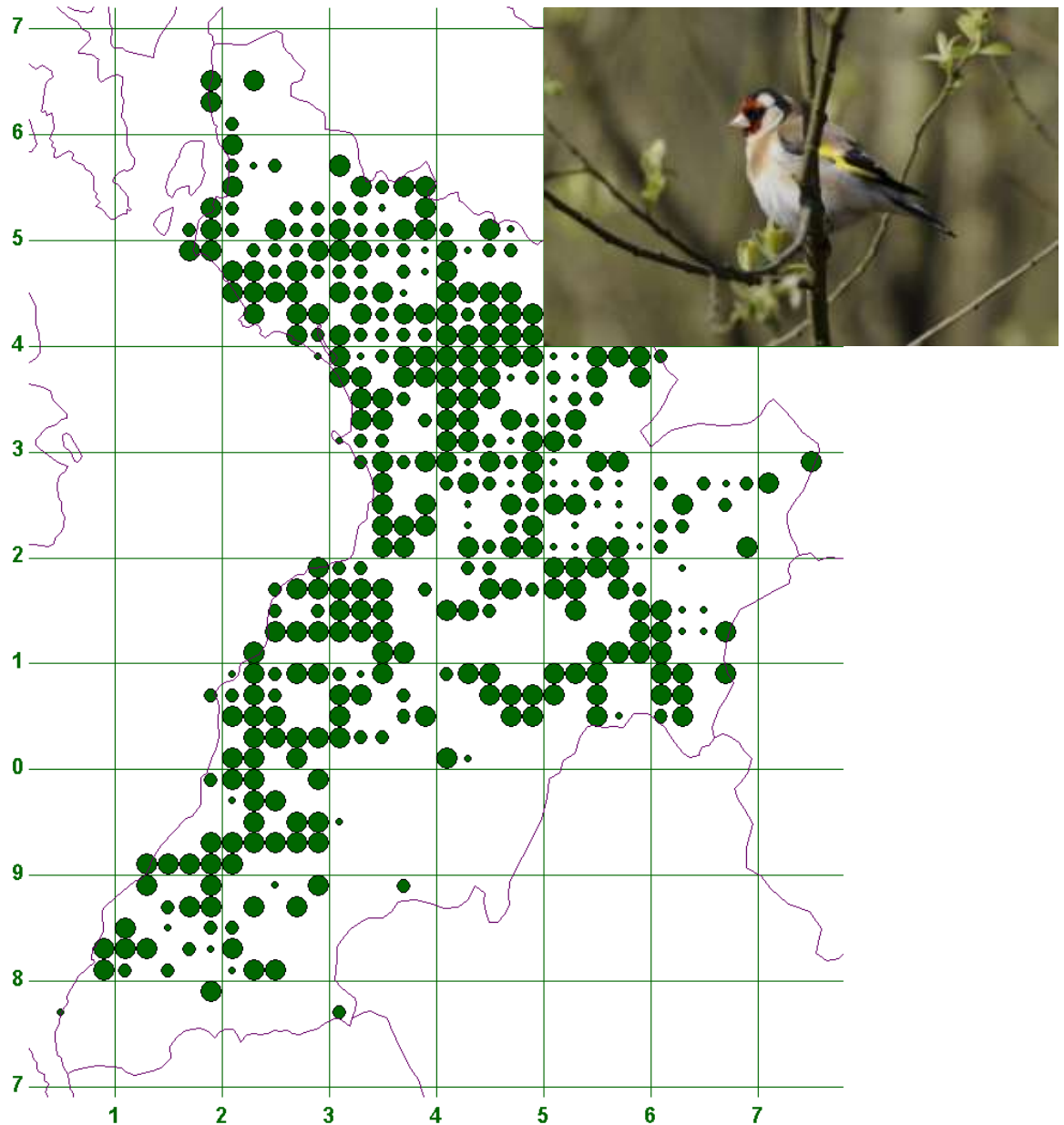


## Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)



**Status:** Common breeder

**Current trend:** Goldfinch numbers in Ayrshire have increased during the last 20 years, with the species benefitting from increased garden feeding. It has moved into a wider range of habitats, for example, making use of forest-edge land in conifer plantations. In addition to the resident population, it would appear that many undertake a migration, perhaps only short-distance, which lowers the wintering population, but visible migration evidence is all that exists to substantiate this at present.

**Follow up:** A ringing programme might determine what proportion of our Goldfinch numbers migrate, and how far.