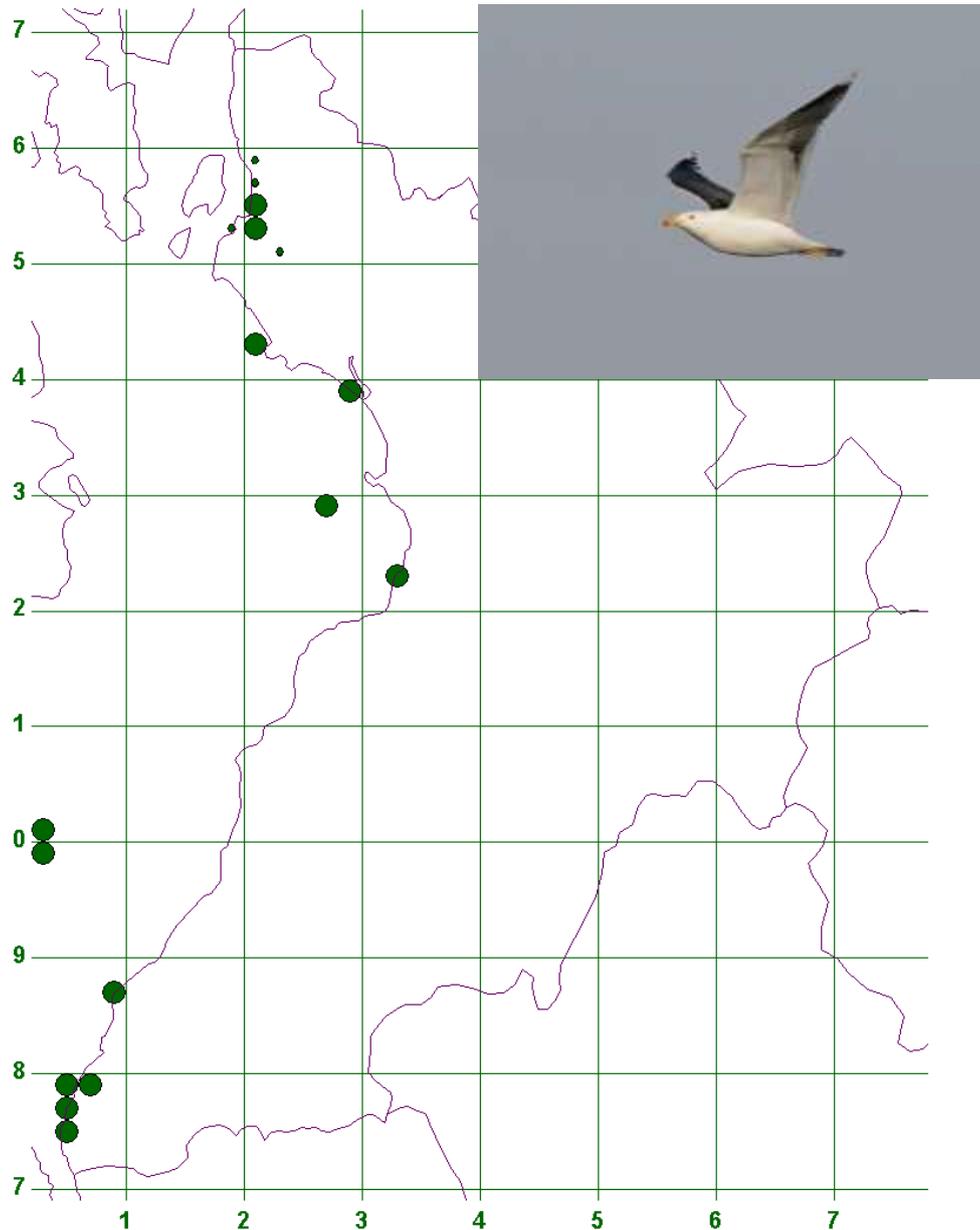


Great Black-backed Gull (*Larus marinus*)



Status: Common (perhaps uncommon) breeder.

Current trend: The breeding population of this large gull is probably stable, with the most successful groups breeding on offshore islands such as Horse Island, Lady Isle and Ailsa Craig. No organised counts have been undertaken since the Seabird 2000 project and it is likely that the breeding numbers will be close to 500 pairs. Coastal populations in South Ayrshire have declined since 2000.

Follow up: A count of the current, larger offshore colonies would be welcome.