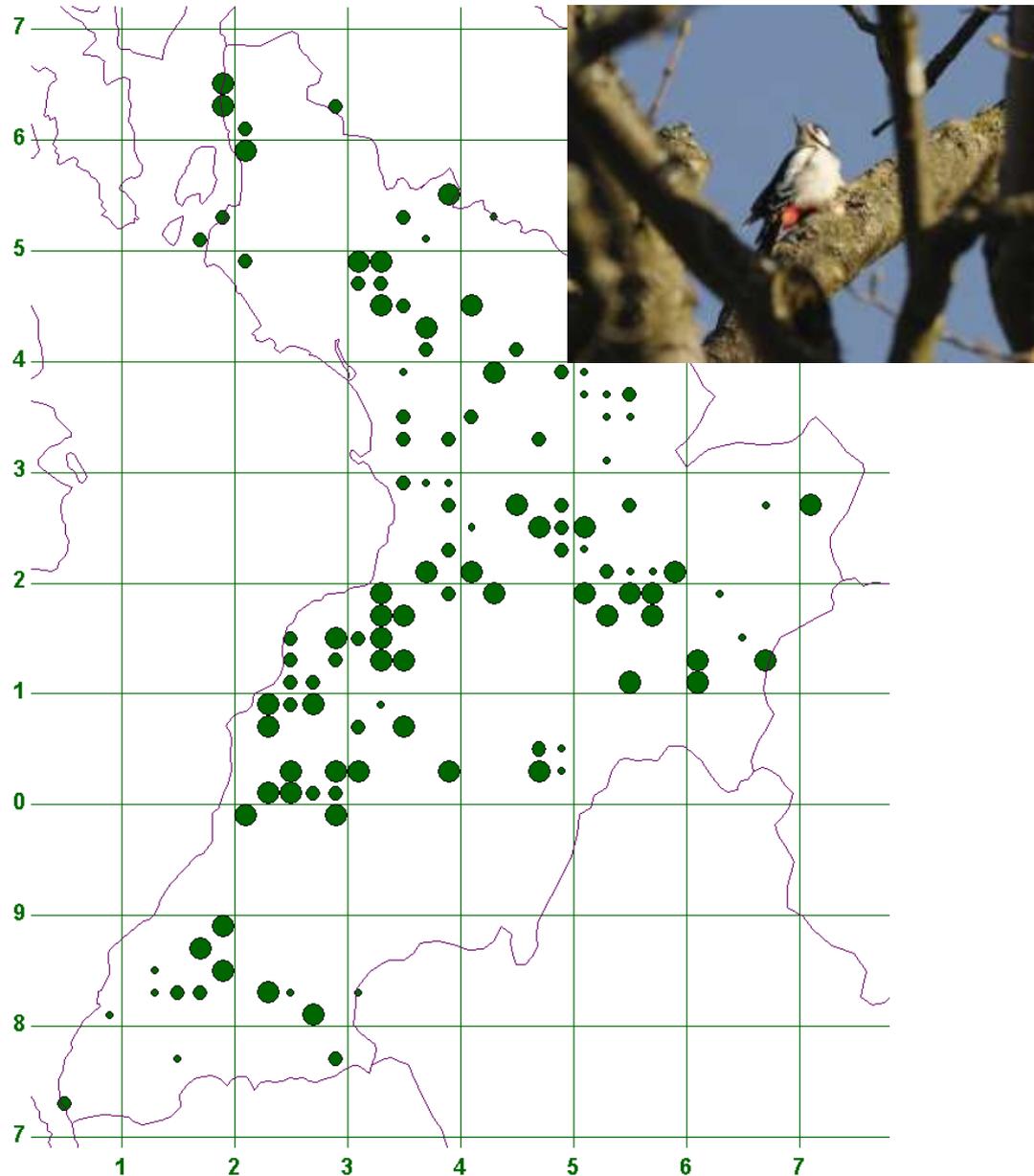


Great Spotted Woodpecker (*Dendrocopos major*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: Much of the success currently enjoyed by Great Spotted Woodpecker is down to the bird's adaptability. It has moved into the more mature conifer stands in Carrick and Galloway Forest Parks, and breeds there, albeit at a lower density than in the lowland policy woodlands of South Ayrshire, where breeding densities can be very high (e.g. at Kilkerran). It is also becoming an increasingly frequent visitor to garden feeding stations, once more demonstrating its versatility.

Follow up: Monitoring of populations in acknowledged key areas will help keep track of the bird's future progress.