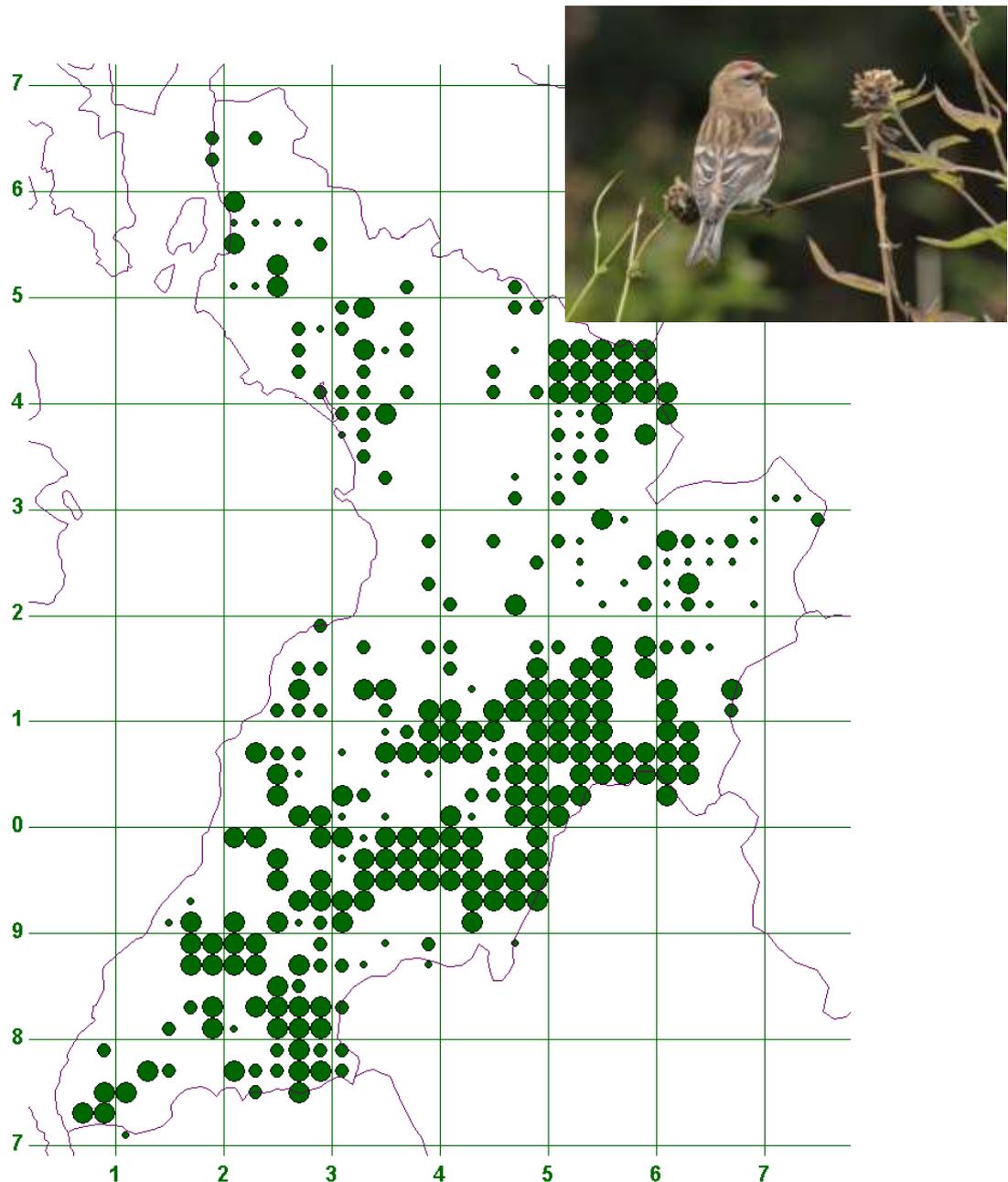


Lesser Redpoll (*Carduelis cabaret*)



Status: Common breeder

Current trend: An increase in the numbers of this small finch has occurred during the past 20 years, and may be partly due to its increasing ability to move into young forestry, particularly in the south, where it coincided with second cycle of planting. The map reflects this, but it may well be more numerous in the Northern half too. It has also become increasingly frequent at garden feeders, sharing the same vulnerability to food shortages as Siskin, although a large proportion of the population moves out of Ayrshire during the winter.

Follow up: Increased fieldwork in parts of North Ayrshire may reveal higher numbers of Lesser Redpoll there.