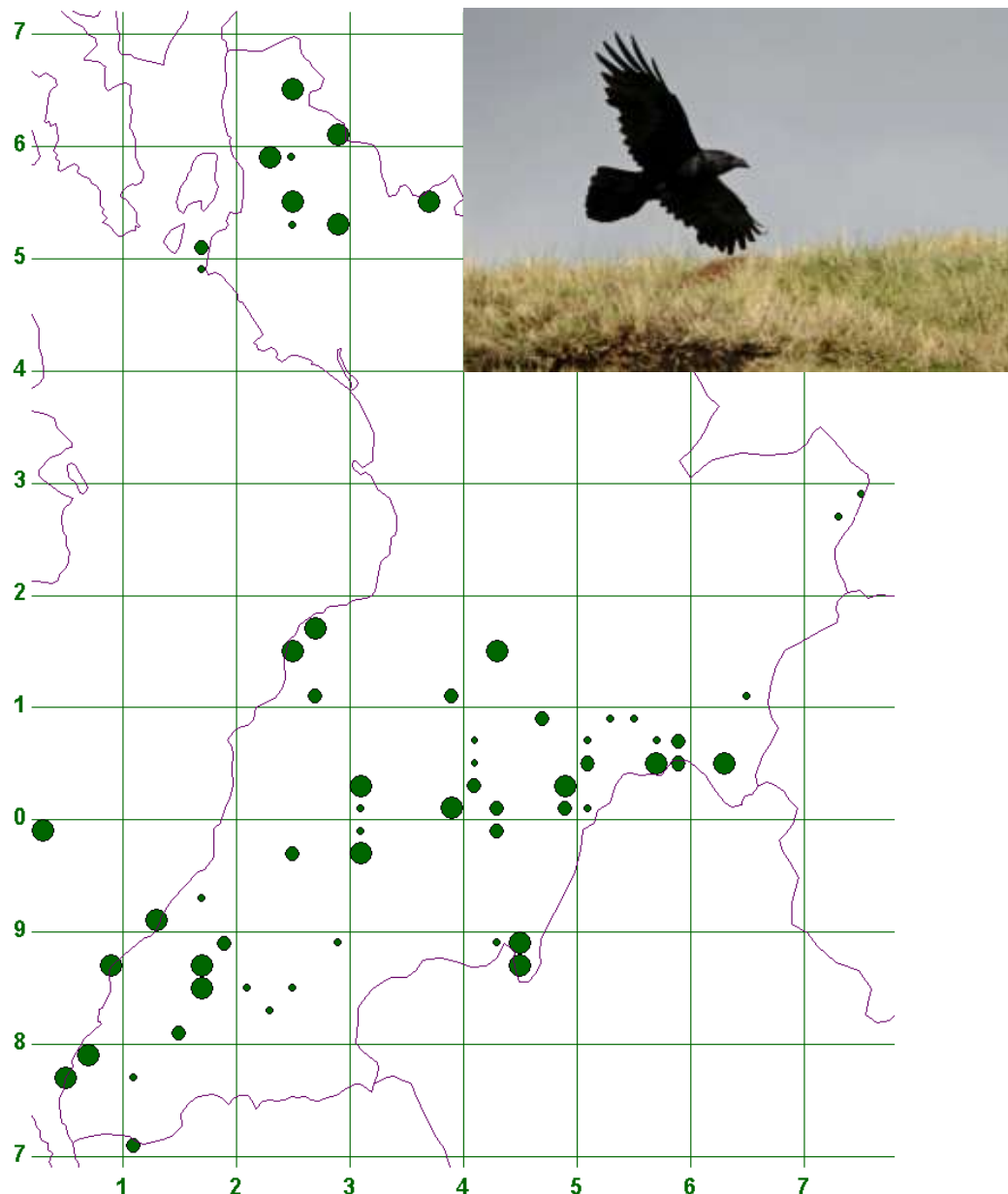


## Raven (*Corvus corax*)



**Status:** Uncommon breeder

**Current trend:** Raven numbers have shown a big increase since the 1980s, with the above map only revealing the situation which was known in 1997. Since then, the species has expanded into lowland and even urban habitats. Much of this increase can be attributed to a decrease in persecution, and the great variety of nest sites used makes it difficult to know exactly how many pairs breed in Ayrshire. It would not be unreasonable to suggest a present figure of between 200-250 pairs.

**Follow up:** Continued monitoring will be important to detect both future increases and any persecution.