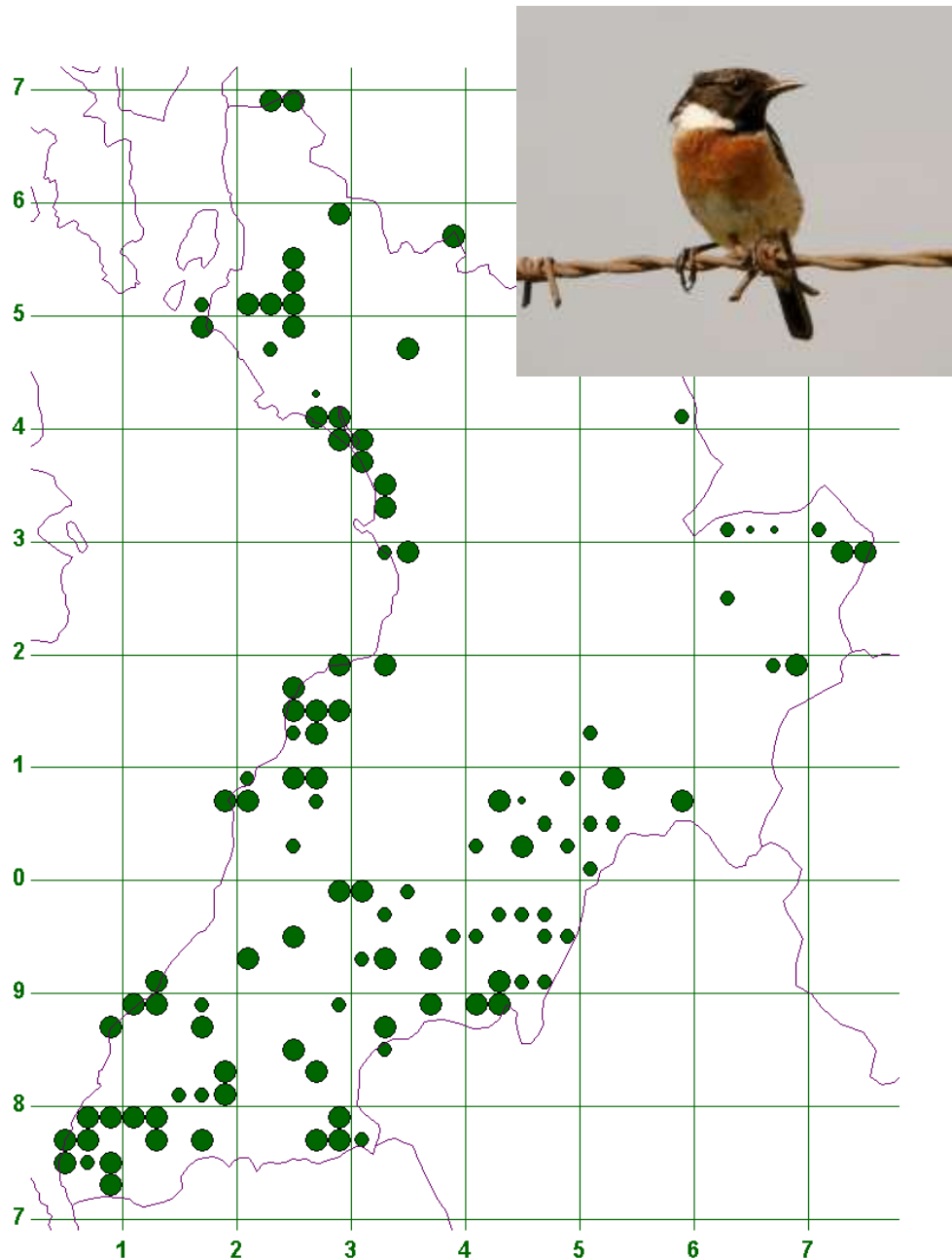


## Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)



**Status:** Common (or uncommon) breeder

**Current trend:** The resilience of Stonechat is a feature which allows it to recover from the ravages of severe winter weather. Although many of the inland breeding birds seem to be short distance migrants, no clear picture exists of what happens to the coastal population in winter. Following the severe winter weather of 2010-11 the recovery of the coastal population has been slow and patchy. A survey of coastal territories during 2013 may provide some answers to how quickly the population can respond.

**Follow up:** A ringing project could reveal where Ayrshire birds go in winter, as well as the extent of the migration.