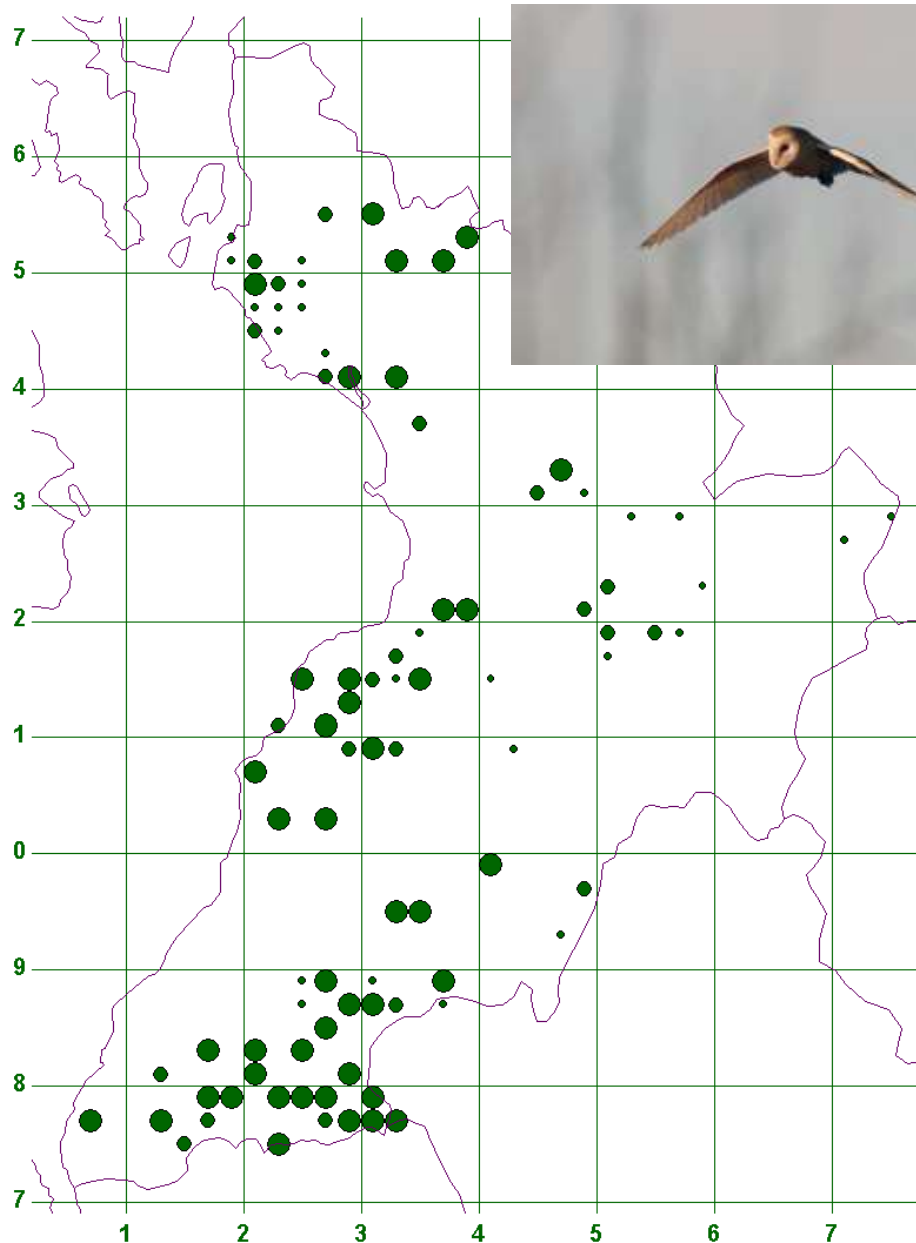


Barn Owl (*Tyto alba*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: Despite being subject to dramatic fluctuations in numbers due to severe weather and food shortage, the Barn Owl population has proved amazingly resilient. The map, showing a bird which has a stronghold in the Southern half of Ayrshire, is probably due to what had been discovered by 1997. Much recent work on the bird has been carried out by D Gray, G Shaw, J Thomson and G Sheppard showing the species to be well distributed throughout Central and South Ayrshire.

Follow up: Continued monitoring of the population carried out by appropriately licenced personnel.