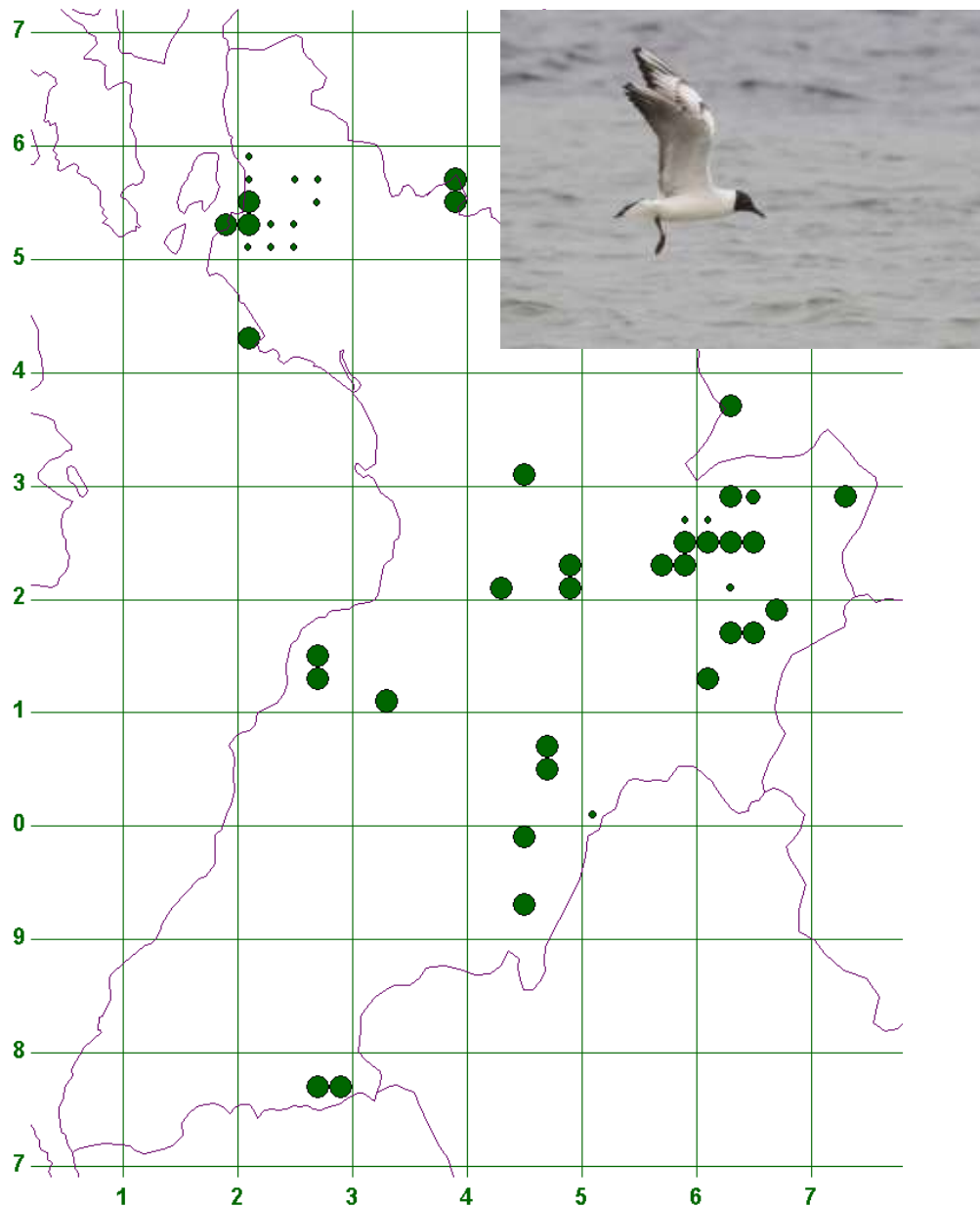


Black-headed Gull (*Croicephalus ridibundus*)



Status: Uncommon breeder.

Current trend: The Black-headed Gull has shown a large drop in numbers since the counts carried out by the national Seabird 2000 census. Much of this is due to land-use change (including forestry and drainage), human activities and increased predation by mammals such as Mink. Few recent visits have been made to recorded breeding sites, so the exact status is not clear. It may well be a scarce breeder in the near future.

Follow up: There is an urgent need for population monitoring to establish the exact status of this species.