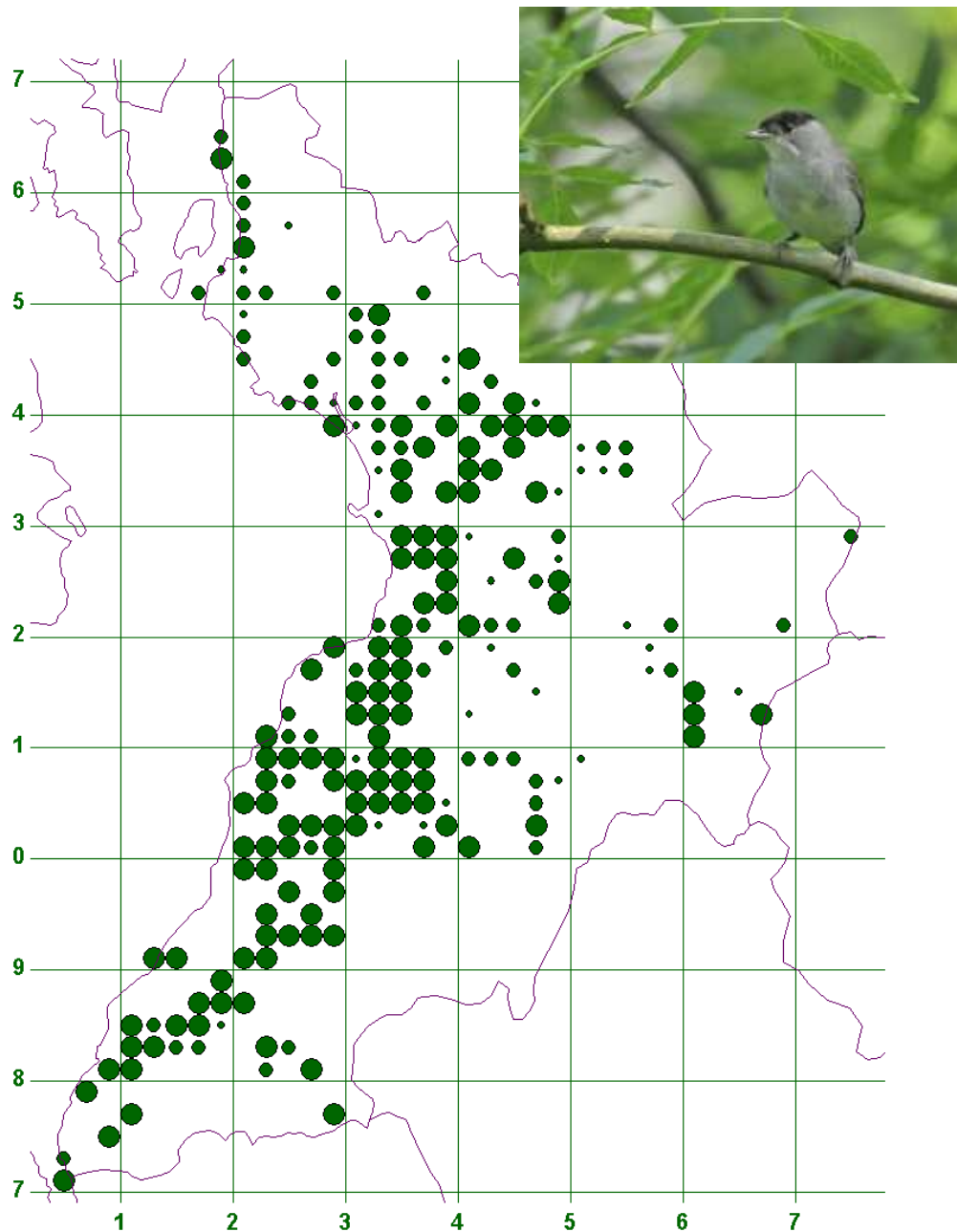


Blackcap (*Sylvia atricapilla*)



Status: Common breeder

Current trend: A very common summer migrant, particularly to South and Central Ayrshire, Blackcap numbers have shown signs of a recent increase. Mostly restricted to lowland areas, the low numbers in East and North Ayrshire are probably due to lack of suitable habitat in the upland areas.

Follow up: Continued local census work necessary to detect change.