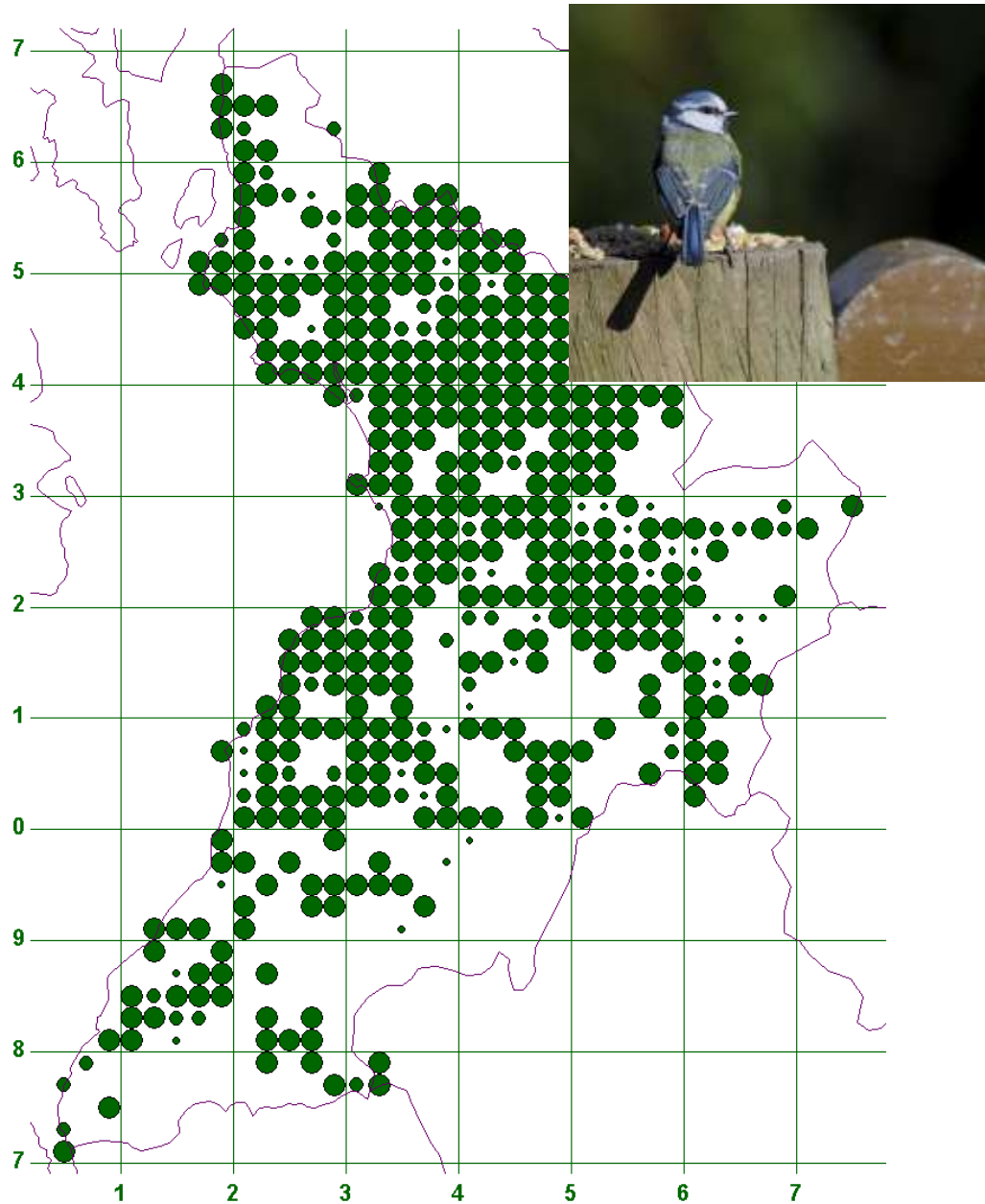


Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*)



Status: Common breeder

Current trend: Blue Tit is a species commonly associated with human surroundings. However, it has expanded its breeding range into upland areas, thanks to the presence of forestry, and now occupies a much wider range than in the 1970s. Garden feeding has helped the survival of the species in urban areas, and lowland, rural areas appear to support a healthy population. It is not currently known whether its increase has had an adverse effect on other closely related species.

Follow up: Local census work and research into the relationship between Blue Tit and Willow Tit (*P. montanus*) to establish whether increased competition could be adversely affecting the latter species.