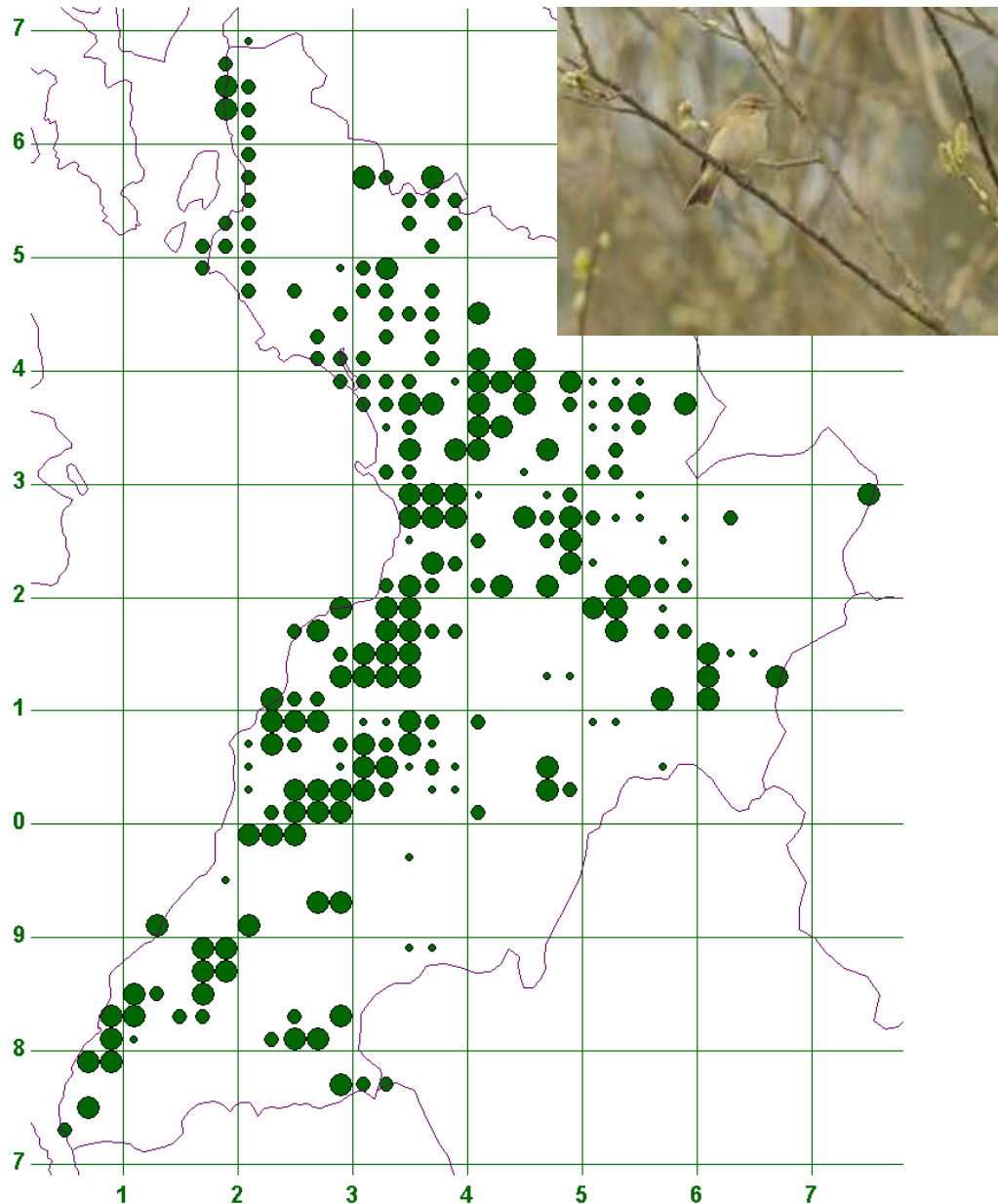


## Common Chiffchaff (*Phylloscopus collybita*)



**Status:** Common breeder

**Current trend:** The breeding population of this early Spring migrant is stable or increasing slightly. Common Chiffchaffs are most often encountered in open deciduous or mixed woodlands, but the distribution map suggests a slight Northwards spread since the 1960's, when the bird was more often associated with the Southern half of the county. Annual population counts have been carried out at several locations e.g. Kilkerran since the 1980's.

**Follow up:** Continued census work to detect any changes in the breeding population.