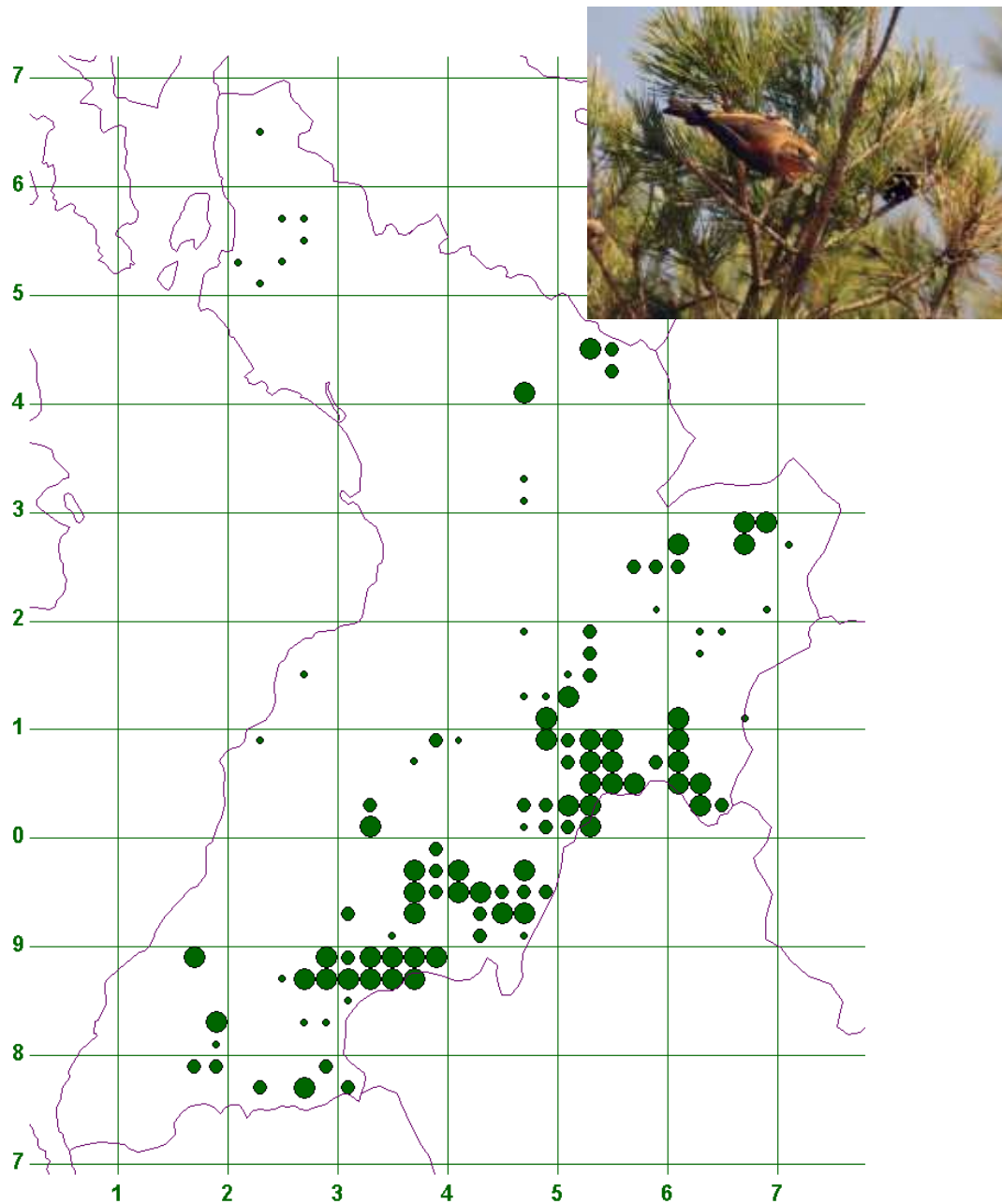


Common Crossbill (*Loxia curvirostra*)



Status: Uncommon (occasionally common) breeder

Current trend: The status of this species should, perhaps, be qualified to cover periods of cone-crop failure during which the breeding population can be virtually absent. Common Crossbill is mainly distributed throughout the large forestry tracts of South and East Ayrshire, but can spread into some, more lowland, locations in periods of food abundance e.g. Kilkerran and Glen App.

Follow up: More accurate population counts during “peak” years may provide a better picture of this species’ true abundance.