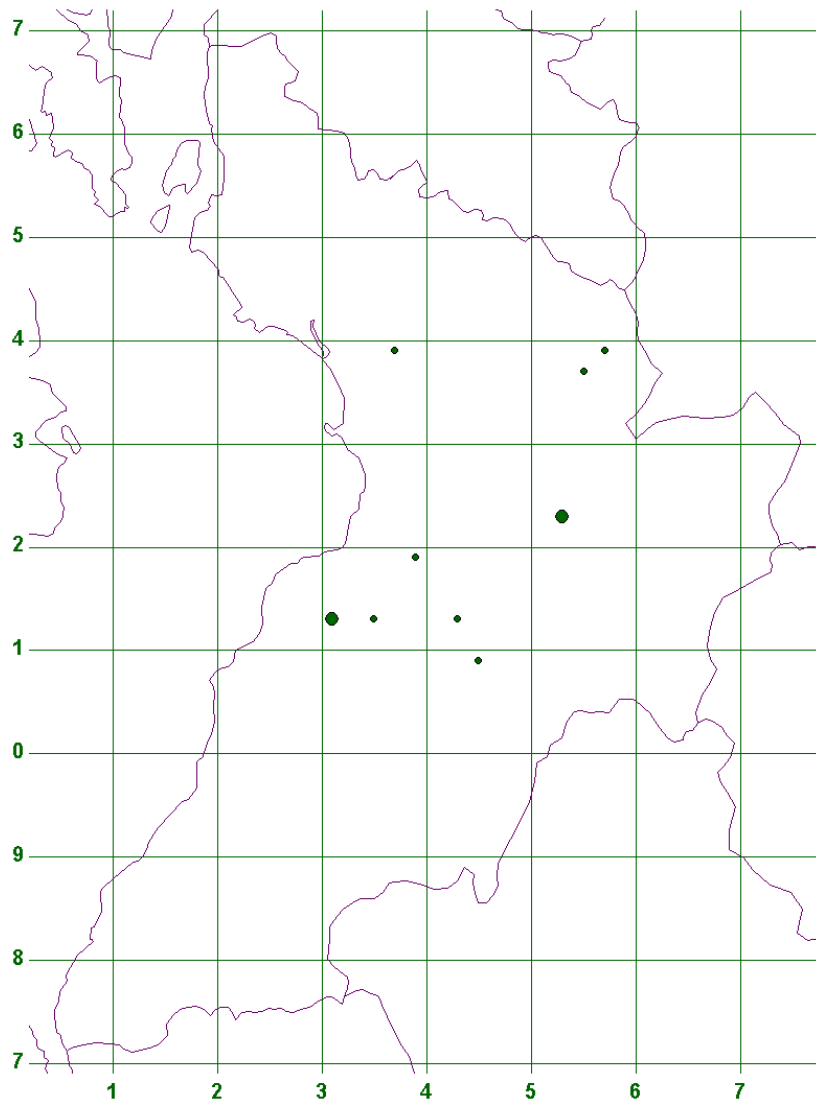


Common Quail (*Coturnix coturnix*)



Status: Rare and irregular breeder.

Current trend: Common Quail continues to be a species whose presence is impossible to predict on an annual basis. Recent prolonged occurrences of birds in suitable habitat in lowland Central Ayrshire during June-August would suggest breeding, but no absolute proof of this has yet been established.

Follow up: Continued summer evening surveying of suitable lowland cereal fields might just provide an observer with that long-awaited sighting of a family of Quails.