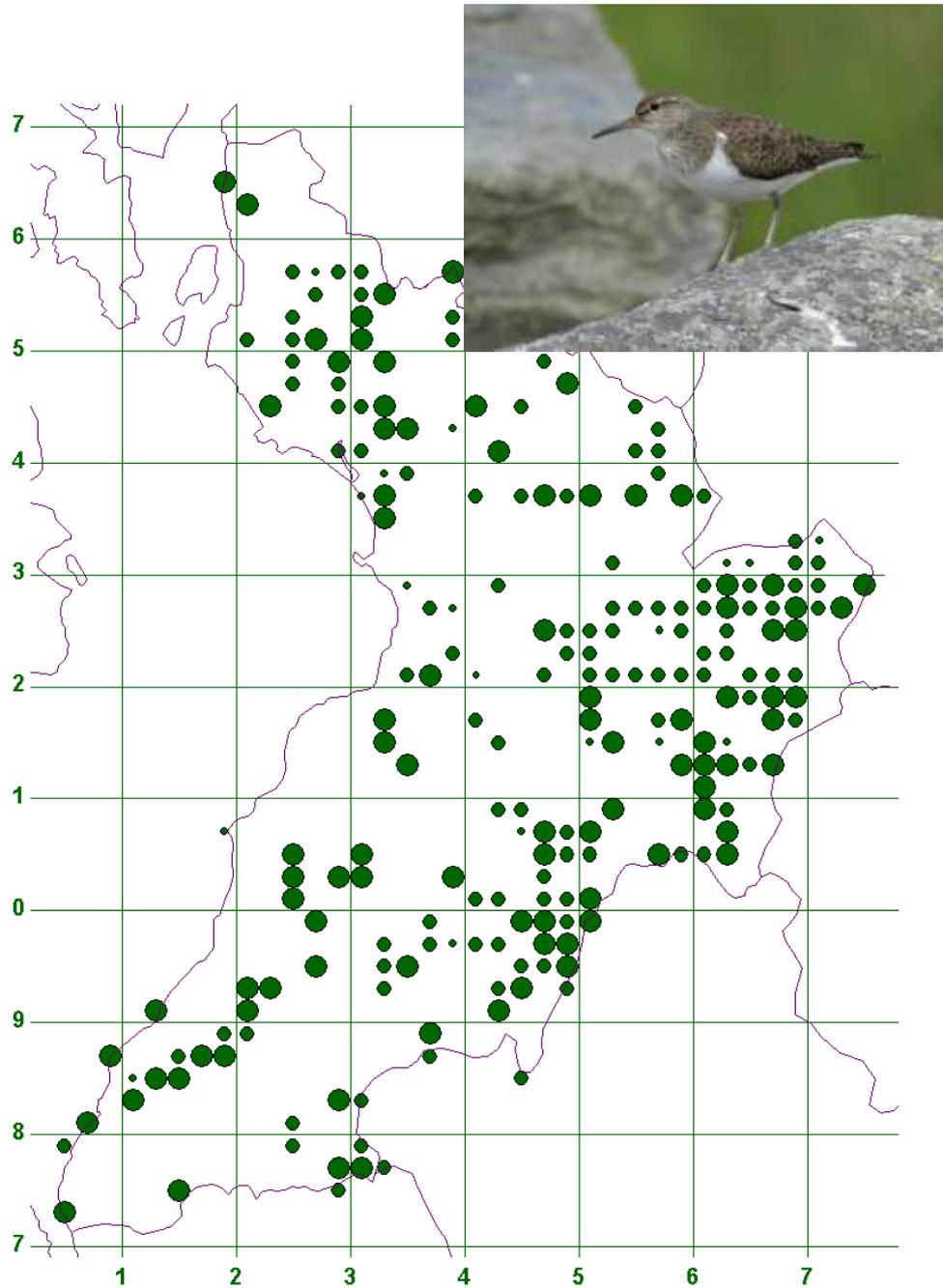


Common Sandpiper (*Actitis hypoleucos*)



Status: Common breeder

Current trend: There has been a slight, but noticeable, decrease in the Ayrshire population of this attractive wader. It still occupies many of the upland water bodies and streams, but has declined along many lowland watercourses. The main problems appear to be increased human pressure and predation from mammals such as Mink, and there may well be others. Very few coastal sites remain.

Follow up: Research into the main causes of the decline is needed.