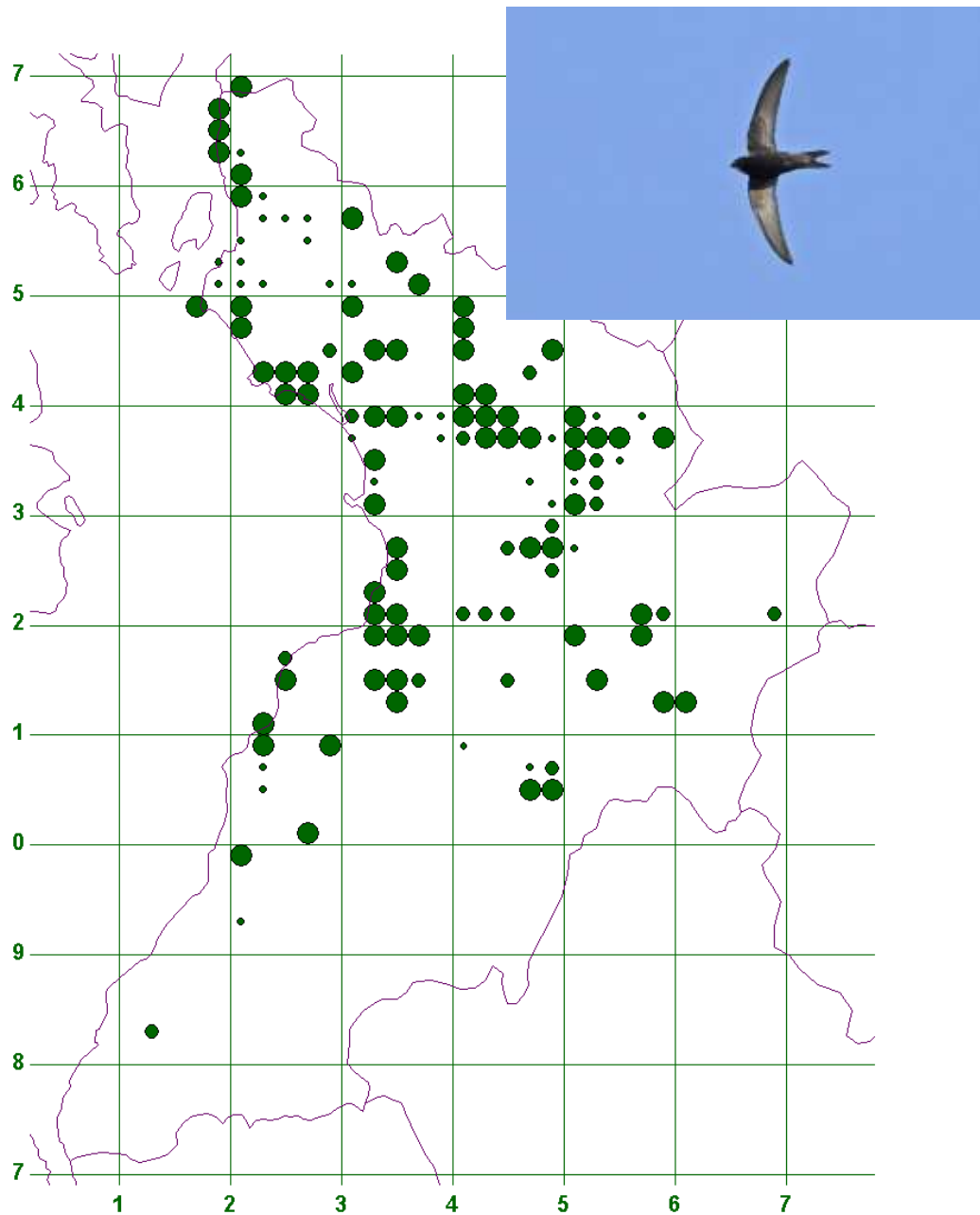


Common Swift (*Apus apus*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: The sight of flocks of Common Swifts wheeling and screaming through many of our urban areas may be disappearing as the numbers breeding in the county have dropped sharply. One of the main reasons for this decline lies in the lack of suitable provision for nest sites under the eaves of modern buildings. As some older buildings have been refurbished, these crevices have, likewise, been removed. It is not known if any Ayrshire birds still use “natural” sites e.g. tree-holes.

Follow up: It would be important to continue counts of breeding birds at key sites.