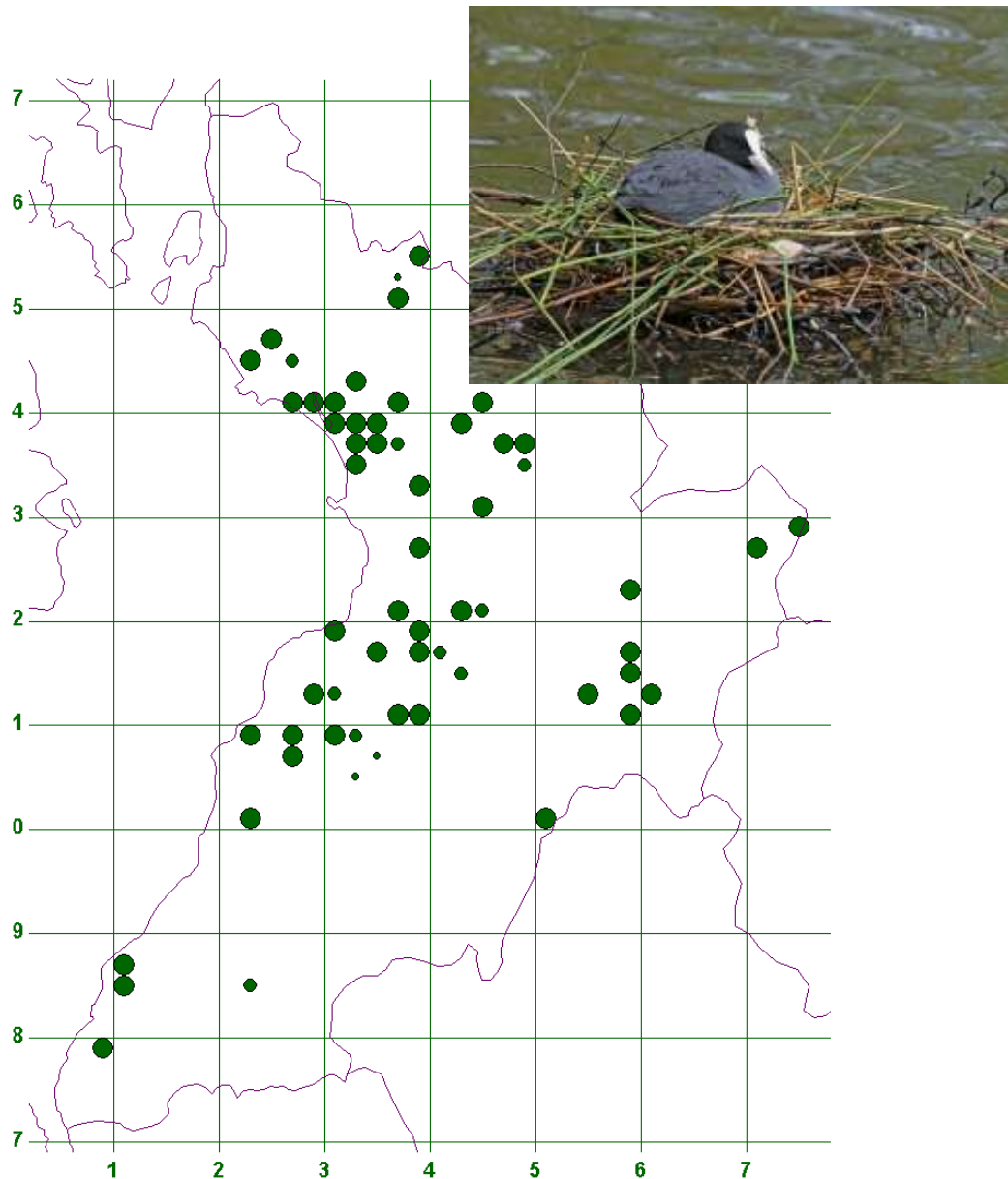


## Coot (*Fulica atra*)



**Status:** Uncommon breeder

**Current trend:** Often assumed to be a widespread and numerous breeding bird, the Coot has suffered a decline in its breeding range and numbers since the 1980s. Increases in human activity e.g. fishing, and boating on water bodies have resulted in its disappearance from, or decline at many former haunts. It is absent from many of the upland lochs in Ayrshire.

**Follow up:** Close monitoring of the breeding population at key sites.