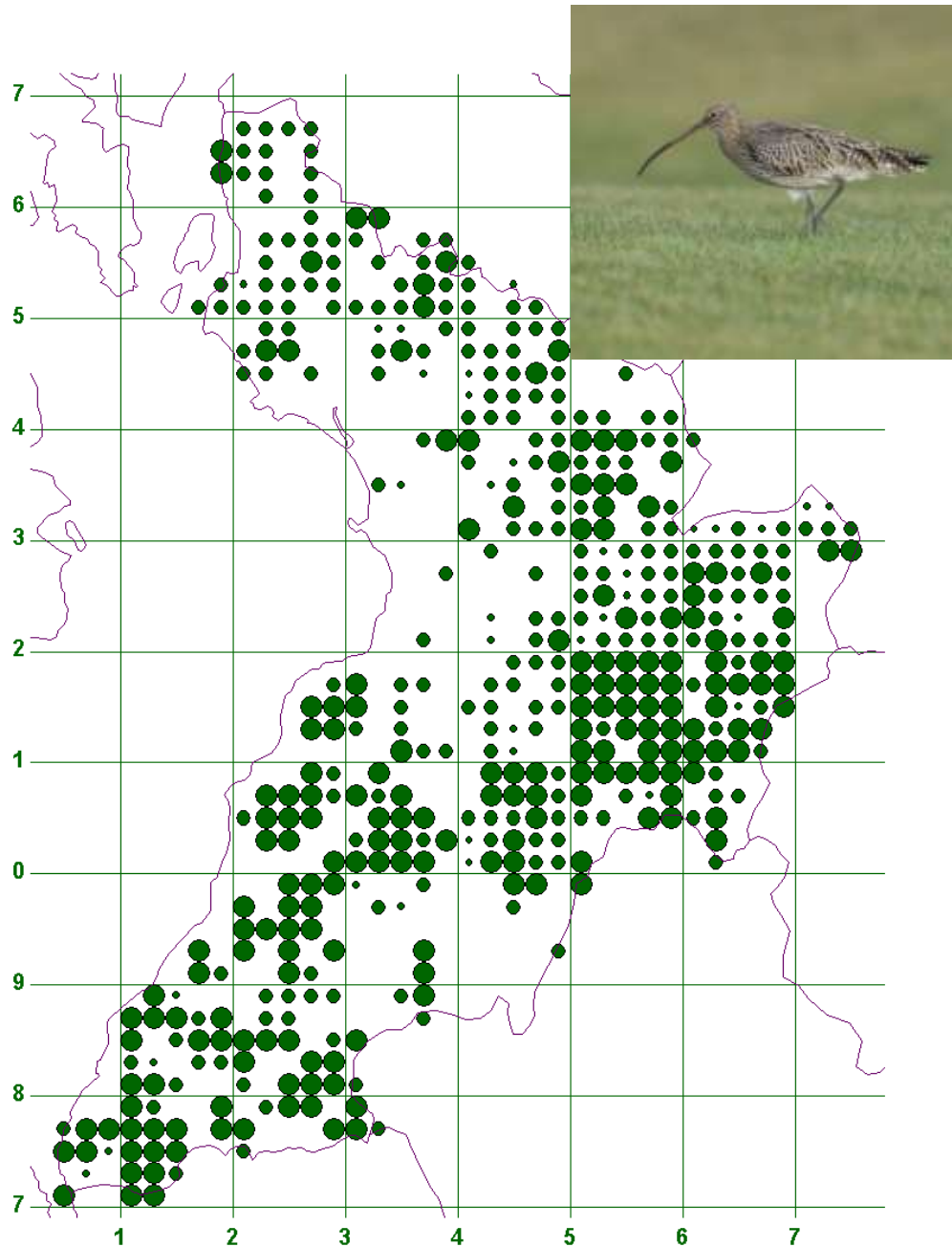


## Curlew (*Numenius arquata*)



**Status:** Common breeder

**Current trend:** The Curlew is currently experiencing a sharp decline in breeding numbers (perhaps now in the category of uncommon breeder), having increased its numbers during the 1970s and moving into some areas of lowland farmland. Since then, increasing pressures on the wide range of habitats occupied by Curlew have seen it retreat in the face of drainage, open-casting, forestry and industrial projects. More recent, additional pressure from windfarm construction on upland areas may further restrict the species, although there are no available data from these areas so far.

**Follow up:** Close monitoring of breeding numbers is needed, particularly in areas where the species is still numerous e.g. Muirkirk SPA.