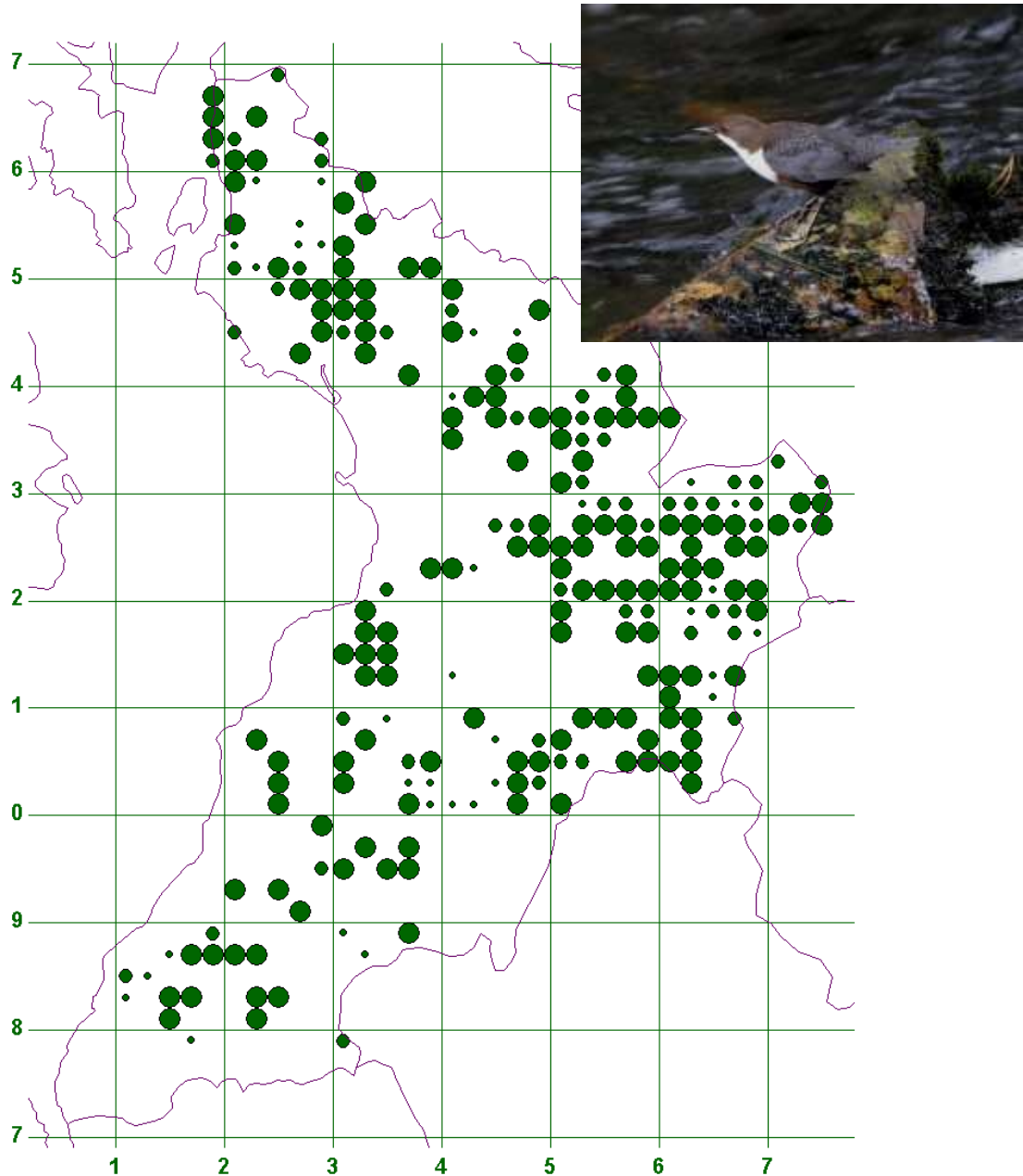


Dipper (*Cinclus cinclus*)



Status: Uncommon breeder

Current trend: A good indicator of the health of our watercourses, Dippers are well distributed throughout Ayrshire. Breeding numbers have remained stable, and a current colour-ringing study by I Todd may shed further light on the dispersal of young birds in the county. The species is present throughout a wide variety of the Ayrshire countryside, breeding close to the coast at some sites in North Ayrshire.

Follow up: A continuing check on breeding numbers may prove useful in detecting any changes in the water quality of our rivers and streams.