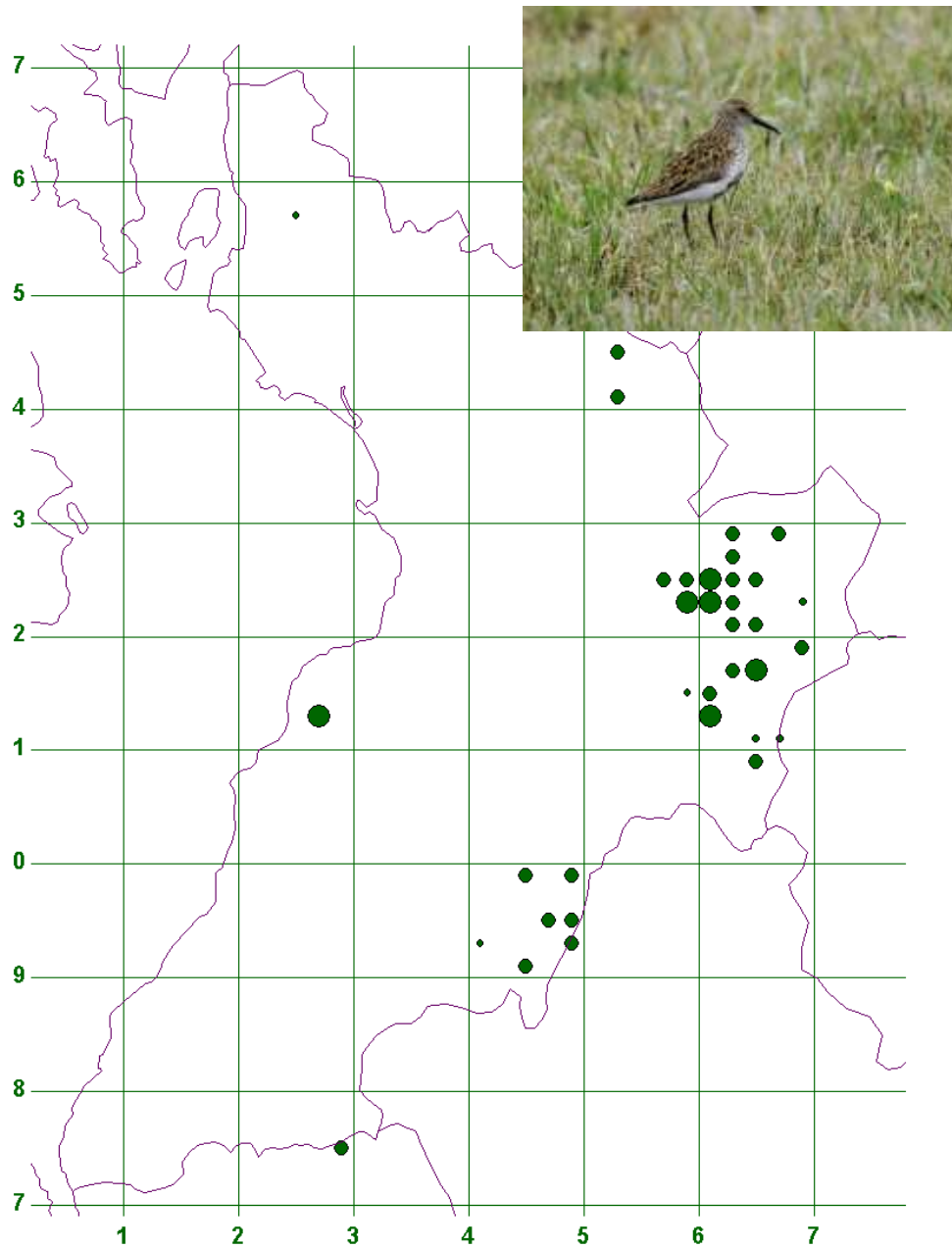


Dunlin (*Calidris alpina*)



Status: Scarce breeder

Current trend: Many of the upland tracts of moorland in which Dunlin, and many other waders, formerly bred, have gone, and it might even be relegated to the category of rare breeder. Currently, the only reliable site is the Muirkirk SPA, since most other sites are proving unsuitable due to numerous land-use changes and, possibly, the effects of climate change.

Follow up: Since many of the changes to the Dunlin's former sites appear irreversible (at least, in the near future), it would be important to monitor the remaining breeding population.