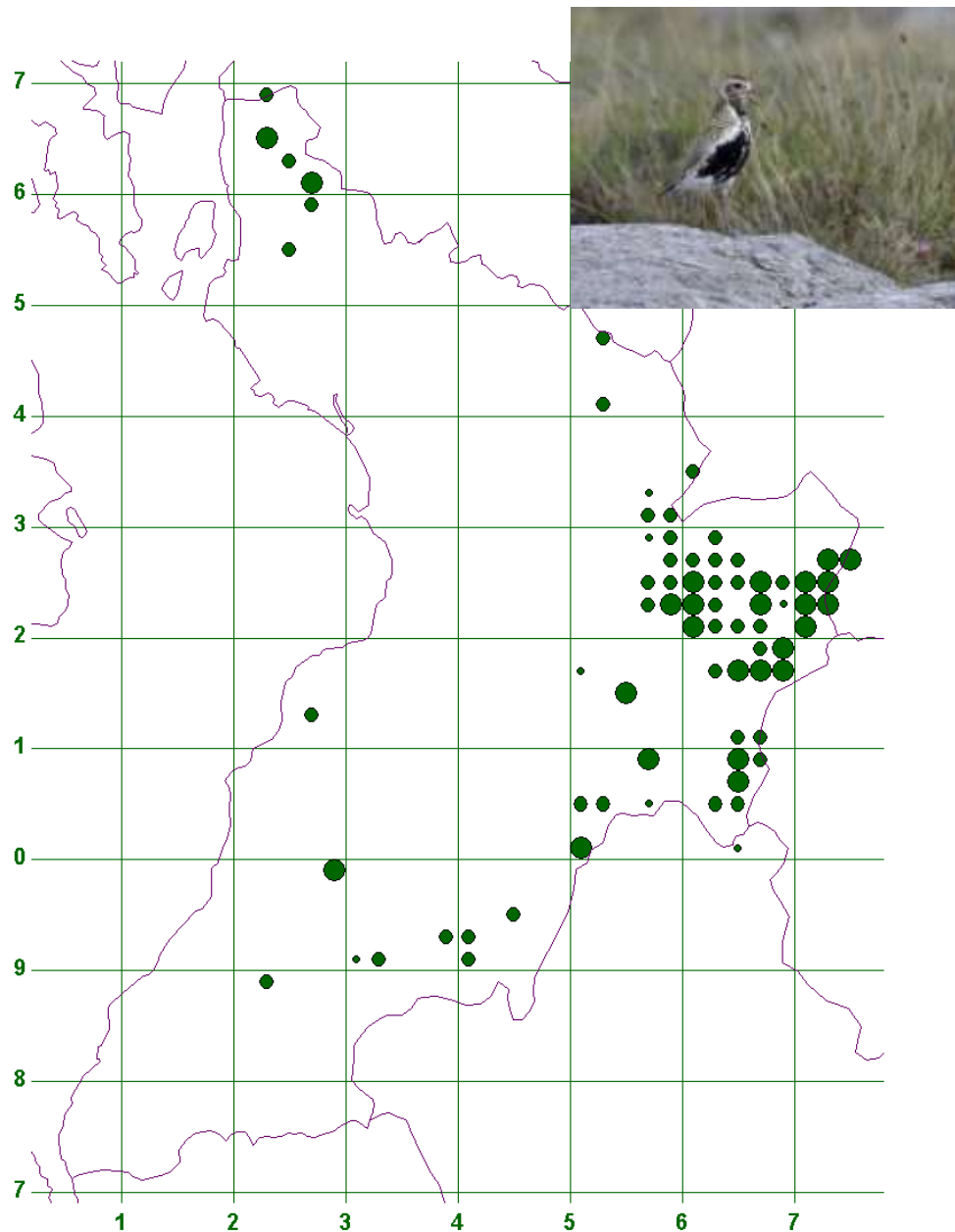


Golden Plover (*Pluvialis apricaria*)



Status: Uncommon (perhaps scarce) breeder

Current trend: Golden Plovers were once widespread as a breeding species over much of upland Ayrshire until the post-war period, when much of their nesting habitat was lost to conifer plantations. It is now restricted to the few remaining open areas of open moorland, especially in the Muirkirk area, and on a few hill-tops in South and Central Ayrshire.

Follow up: Close monitoring of the remaining breeding population, particularly in relation to increasingly intrusive wind-farms.