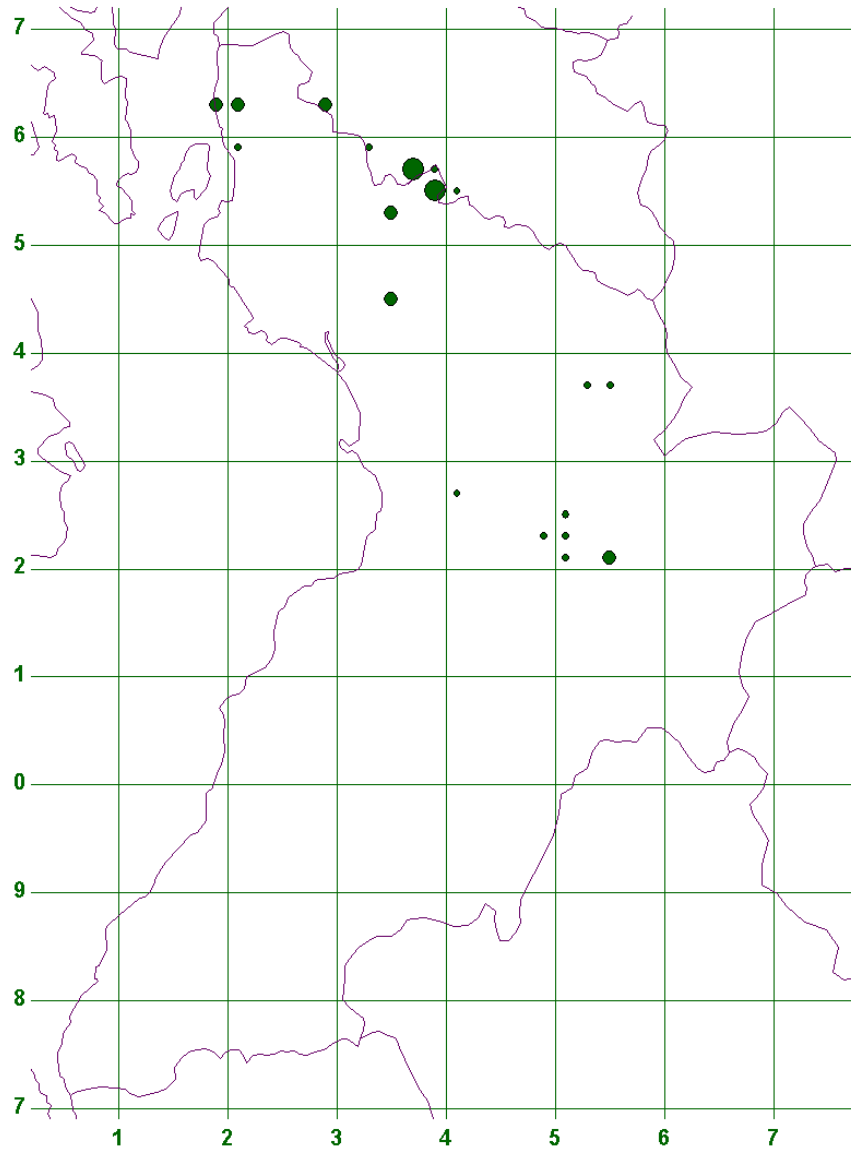


Green Woodpecker (*Picus viridis*)



Status: Rare (and occasional) breeder.

Current trend: Green Woodpecker remains an enigmatic species in Ayrshire, with the actual breeding situation each year being the subject of some guesswork and a large slice of luck. Although it has bred at several locations, it never seems to remain in any one, and lack of food may be the reason for its inability to become established. Migrants appear regularly in Spring along many of the river valley access routes into South Ayrshire, but regular proof of breeding remains difficult.

Follow up: Visits to former haunts and suitable woodlands may reveal the presence of a small number of birds.