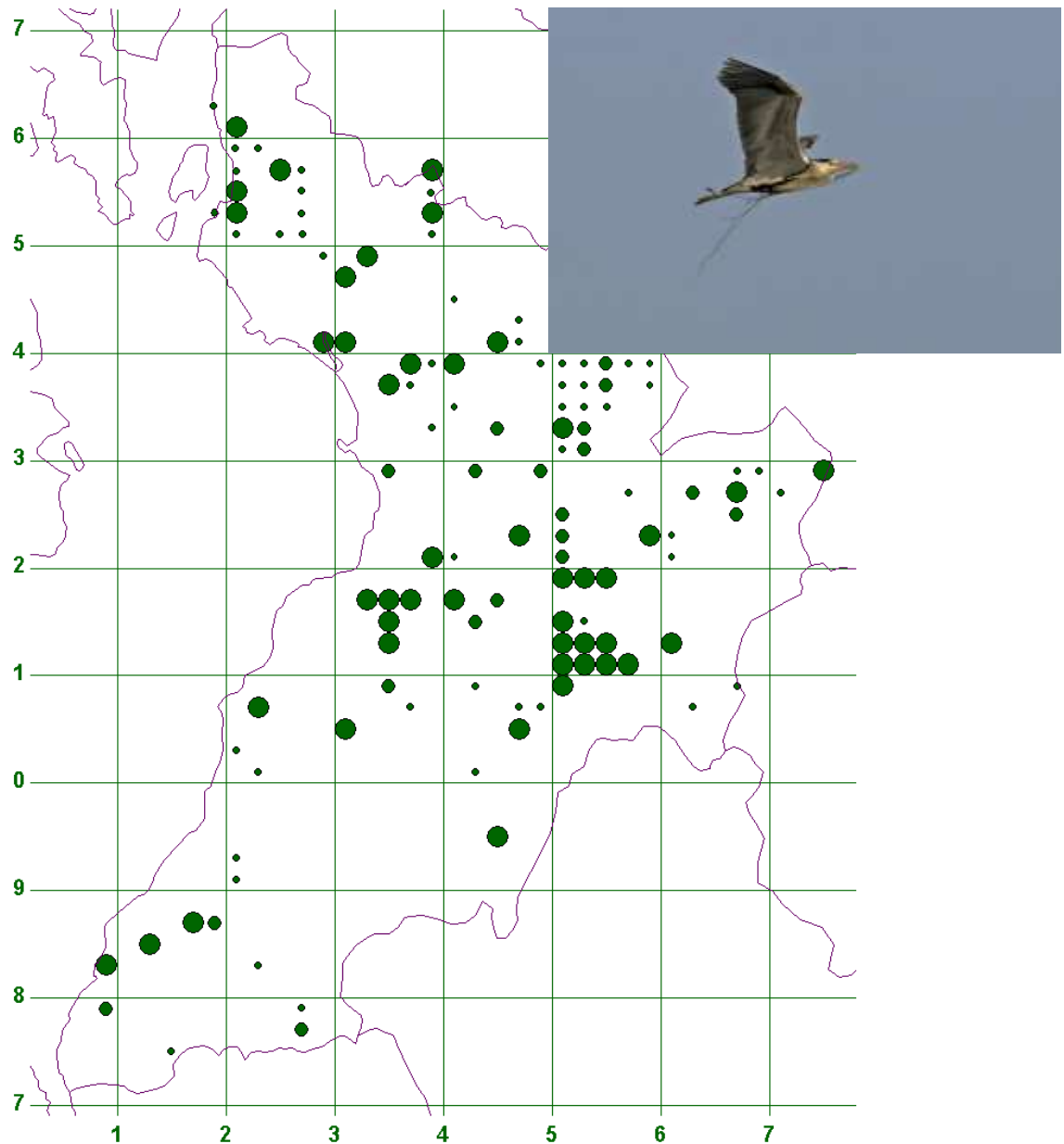


Grey Heron (*Ardea cinerea*)



Status: Uncommon breeder

Current trend: Most of the large heronries recorded during the 1970s and 1980s have broken up and most current colonies are much smaller. It is unclear, though, whether or not Grey Heron numbers have declined as a result. No regular colony counts have occurred in recent years, and the current size of the breeding population is unknown.

Follow up: A return to regular nest colony counts will help provide a much more accurate picture of the Grey Heron's population Ayrshire.