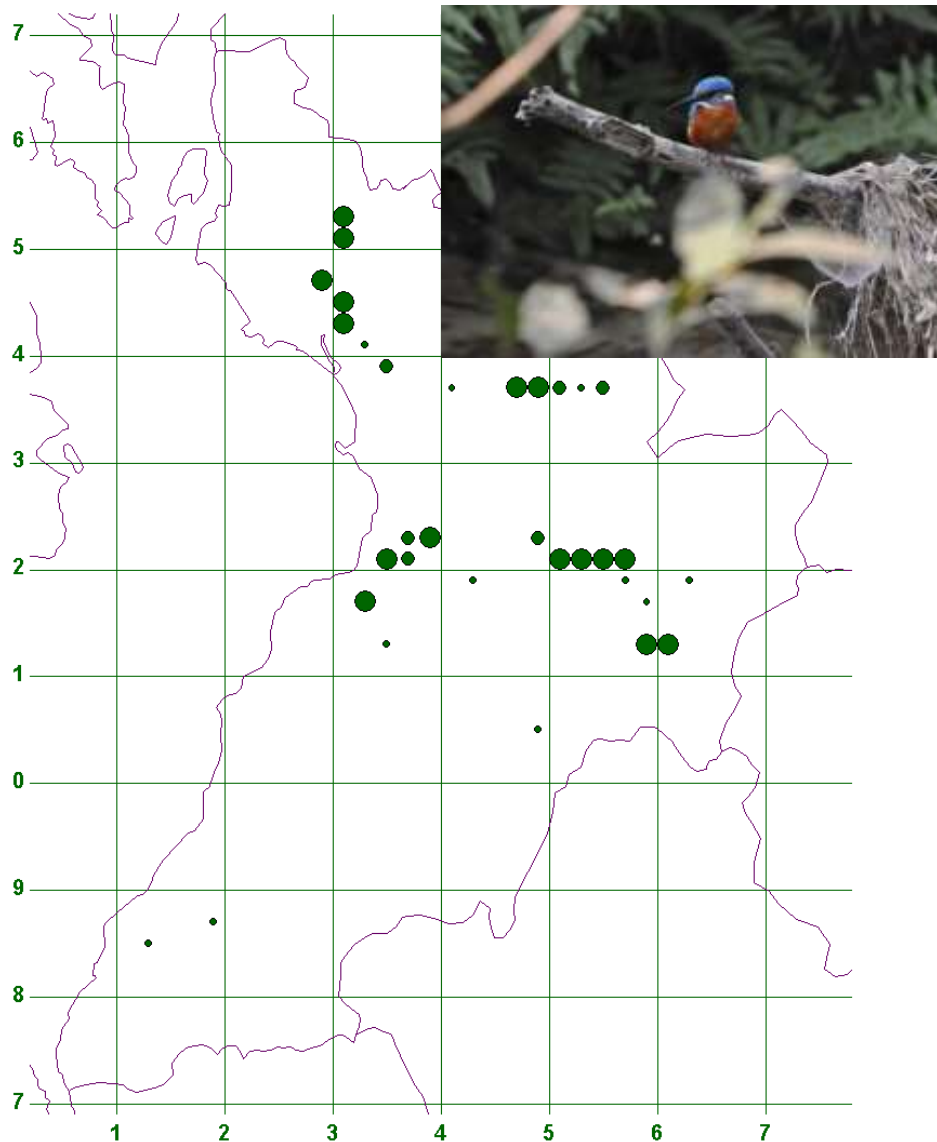


Kingfisher (*Alcedo atthis*)



Status: Scarce breeder.

Current trend: The Kingfisher has increased its range and breeding population once more, having suffered a decline in the mid 20th century. A combination of milder winters and cleaner rivers has encouraged this spread, but the full picture of the distribution is only partly shown by the map. The current numbers in Ayrshire are poorly known, due to a lack of observer cover, and it is probably more widely distributed, especially in the South.

Follow up: More watercourse surveys will give a better idea of the bird's current distribution.