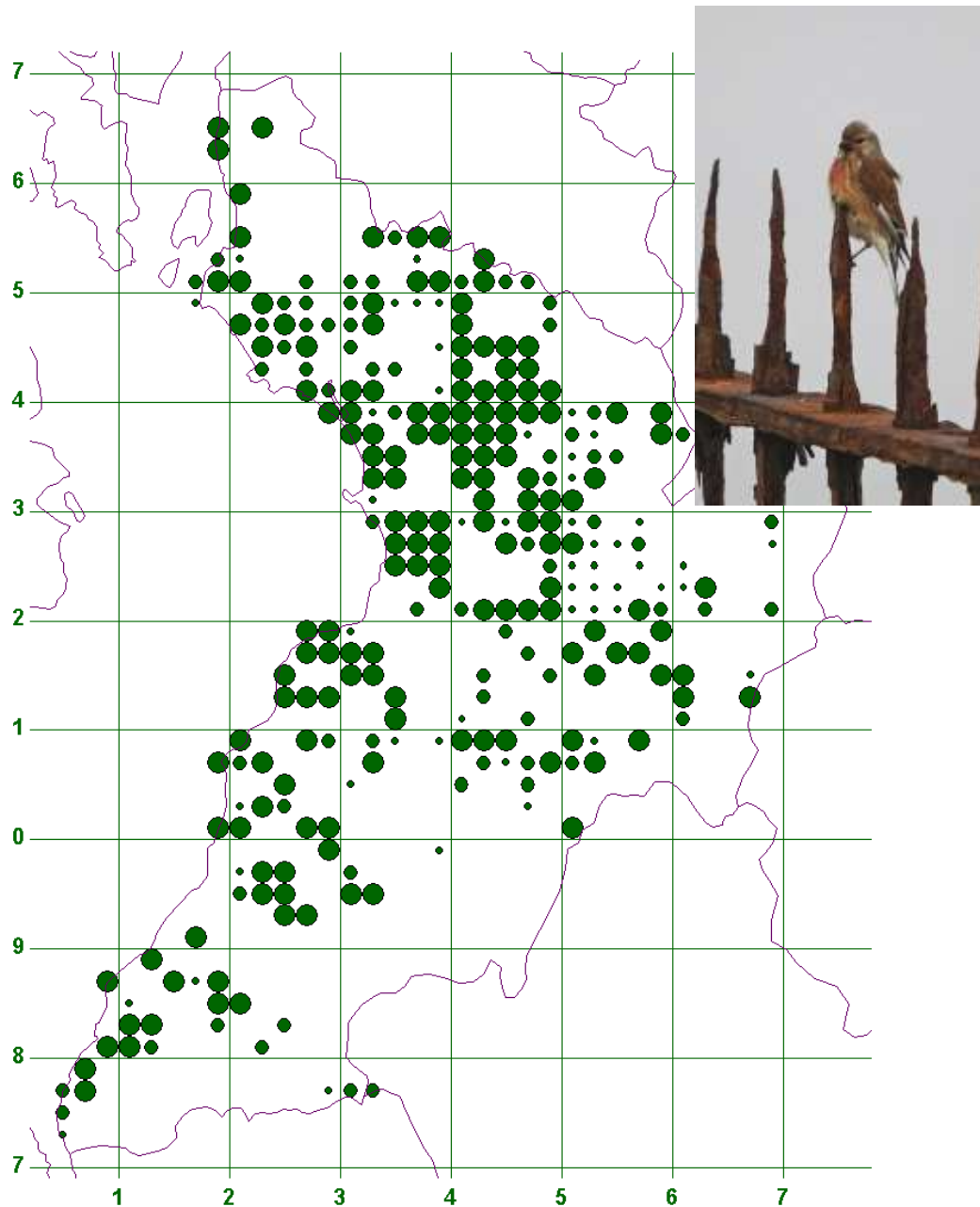


## Linnet (*Carduelis cannabina*)



**Status:** Common breeder

**Current trend:** Linnets currently enjoy an increase in their breeding population, having experienced a marked decline during the 1980s. The exact causes of this turnaround aren't totally clear, but may be linked to food availability. As can be seen from the map, it is widespread in Ayrshire, occupying many areas of rough, scrub-covered ground, and avoiding upland areas of open moorland and forestry.

**Follow up:** More precise figures on breeding numbers would be welcome.