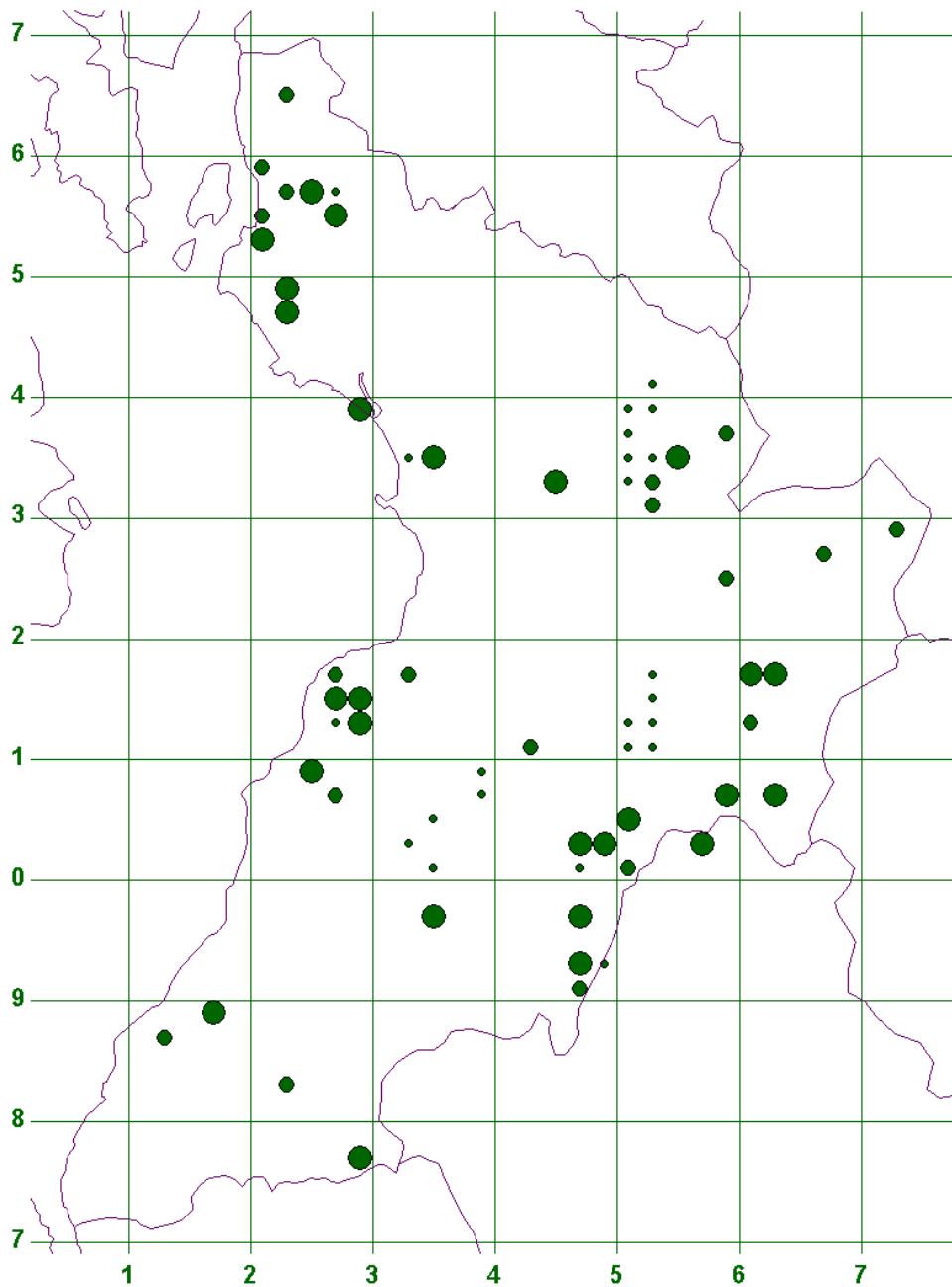


Long-eared Owl (*Asio otus*)



Status: Scarce breeder.

Current trend: A very difficult species to locate and prove breeding, the map shows more results than was anticipated, but is probably still short of the mark. Formerly, a bird which was maybe more associated with isolated upland forest blocks, it has also been shown to breed in many lowland woodlands, often close to human habitation, where it comes into conflict with Tawny Owl.

Follow up: Visits to known breeding sites to check for continued presence.