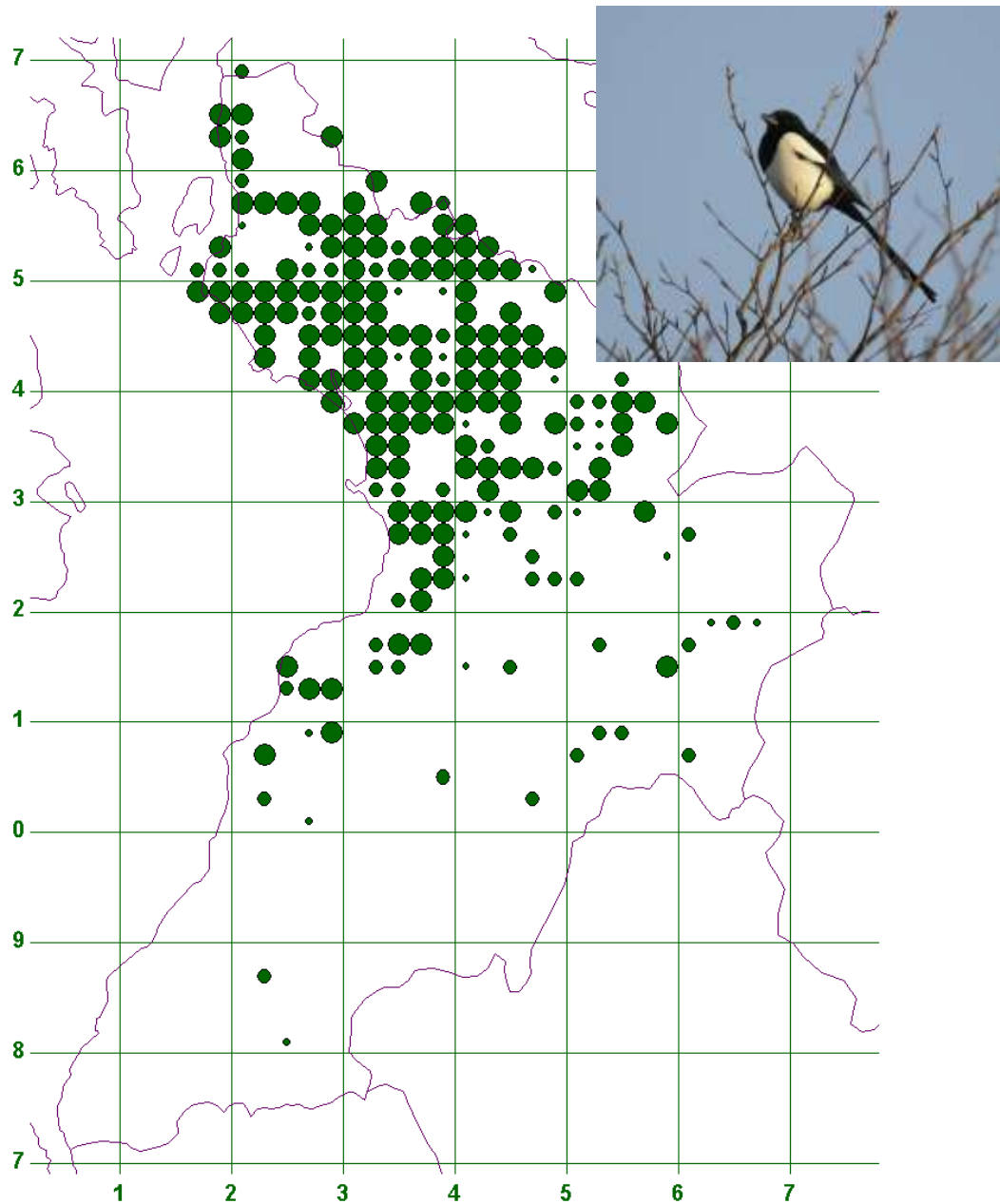


Magpie (*Pica pica*)



Status: Common breeder

Current trend: The map above shows a record of what *was* the Magpie's breeding distribution for much of the 20th century. Since the late 1990s, the species has spread into much of South Ayrshire, recapturing territory in which it was stated to have been formerly abundant (Paton and Pike 1929). This spread may be due to a decrease in keeping pressures, the cover provided by large forestry plantations (c.f. Jay) and the various opportunities provided by urban gardens.

Follow up: Monitoring of the spread Southwards, and conflicts with other nesting birds.