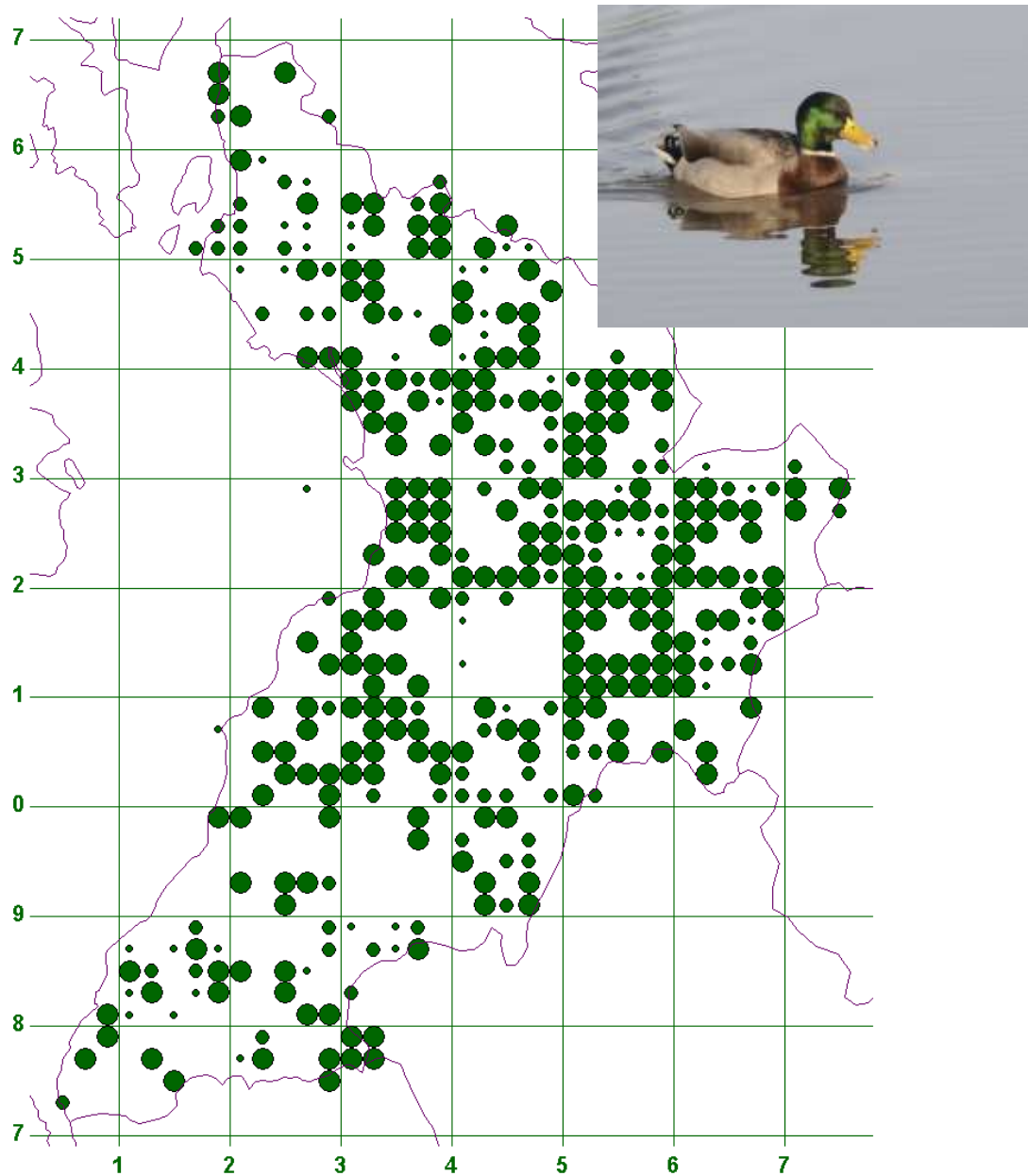


Mallard (*Anas platyrhynchos*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: Mallards have become part and parcel of the scene in most public parks, and the map probably underestimates the true distribution of this common duck. Breeding pairs can be found almost anywhere with access to water within Ayrshire, with the only current “complication” being the presence of domestic hybrids within the population.

Follow up: Reporting of brood sizes to assess the annual success rates of this species.