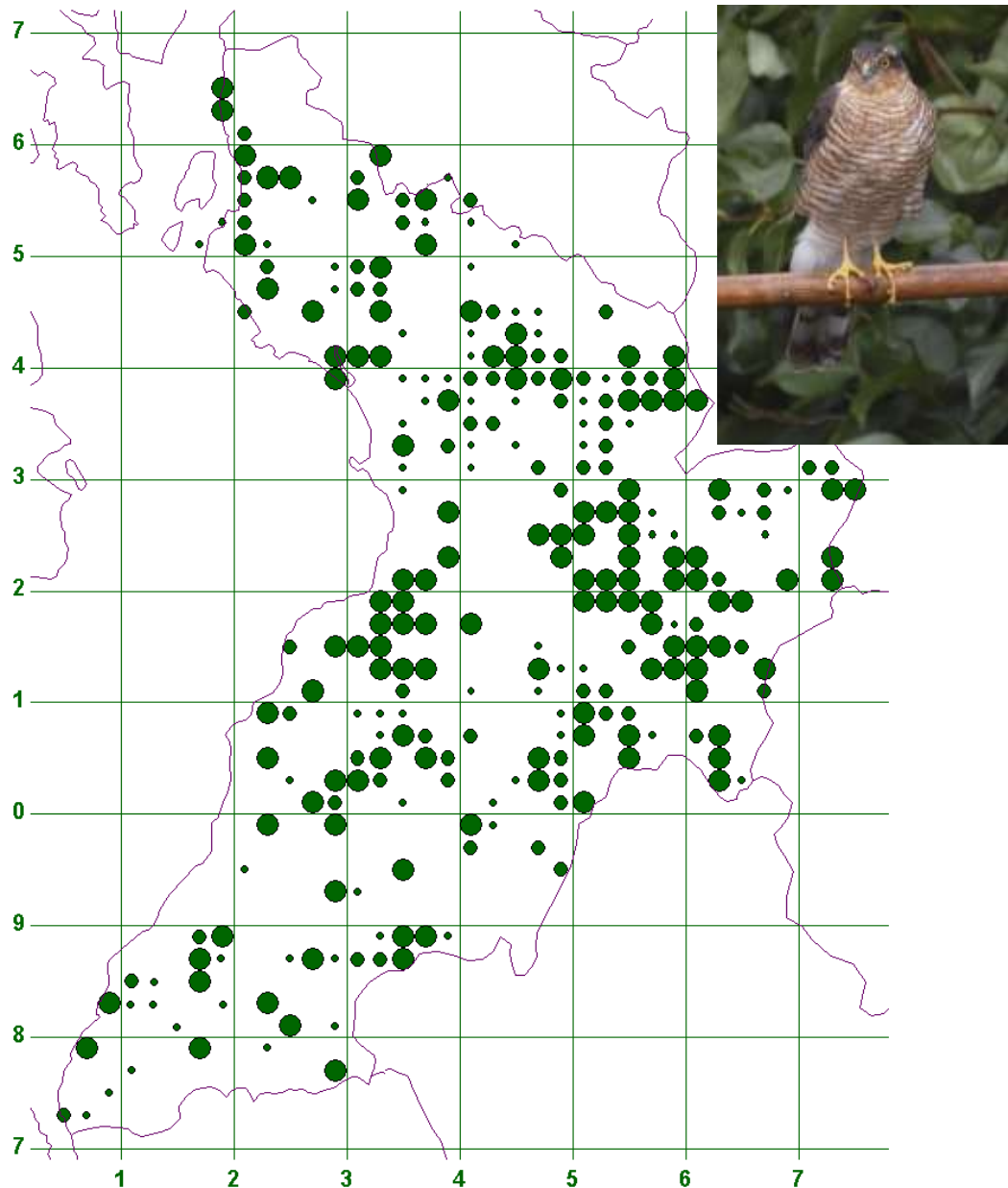


## Sparrowhawk (*Accipiter nisus*)



**Status:** Common breeder

**Current trend:** Along with Buzzard, the Sparrowhawk is one of the two commonest raptors in Ayrshire. It is present over a wide area, and the map shows only the birds which were discovered during the survey – the species is probably significantly under-represented. It has adapted to become a breeding bird of urban and suburban areas, frequently hunting in gardens and taking advantage of feeding stations.

**Follow up:** Although common, the population requires careful monitoring since its numbers can be affected in much the same way as other top-line predators within a food chain.