

Spotted Flycatcher (Muscicapa striata)

Status: Common breeder

Current status: The map shows a somewhat optimistic view of Spotted Flycatcher's distribution. Since 1997 there has been a noticeable decline in the Ayrshire breeding population. Like some other long distance migrants, Spotted Flycatcher may be the victim of changes happening in its wintering grounds. It currently retains a reasonably strong presence in many mature woodlands in South and East Ayrshire e.g. Kilkerran and Craigengillan.

Follow up: A close watch on the numbers of returning birds at known strongholds needs to be maintained to trace any further decline.