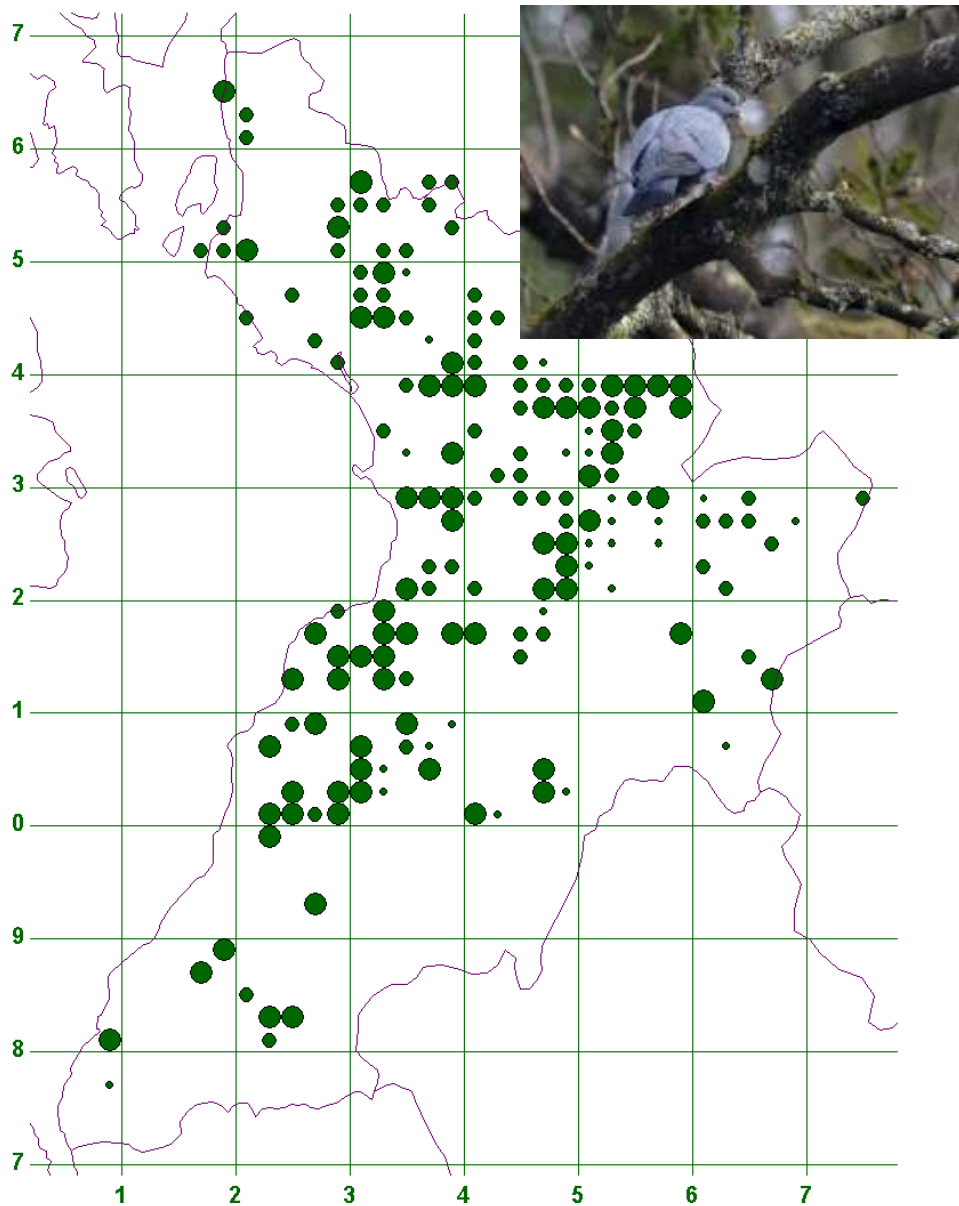


Stock Dove (*Columba oenas*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current status: Although Stock Doves are nowhere numerous in the county, it has a very widespread distribution, and the rise in reports would suggest a genuine increase. Formerly a bird which was more likely to be linked to lowland woodland and farmland, it is also present as a breeding species in some urban parks such as Rozelle and Belleisle in Ayr. The availability of nest holes in trees and buildings would appear to be a very important factor in its distribution.

Follow up: Searching in other areas may reveal a wider breeding distribution than is currently known.