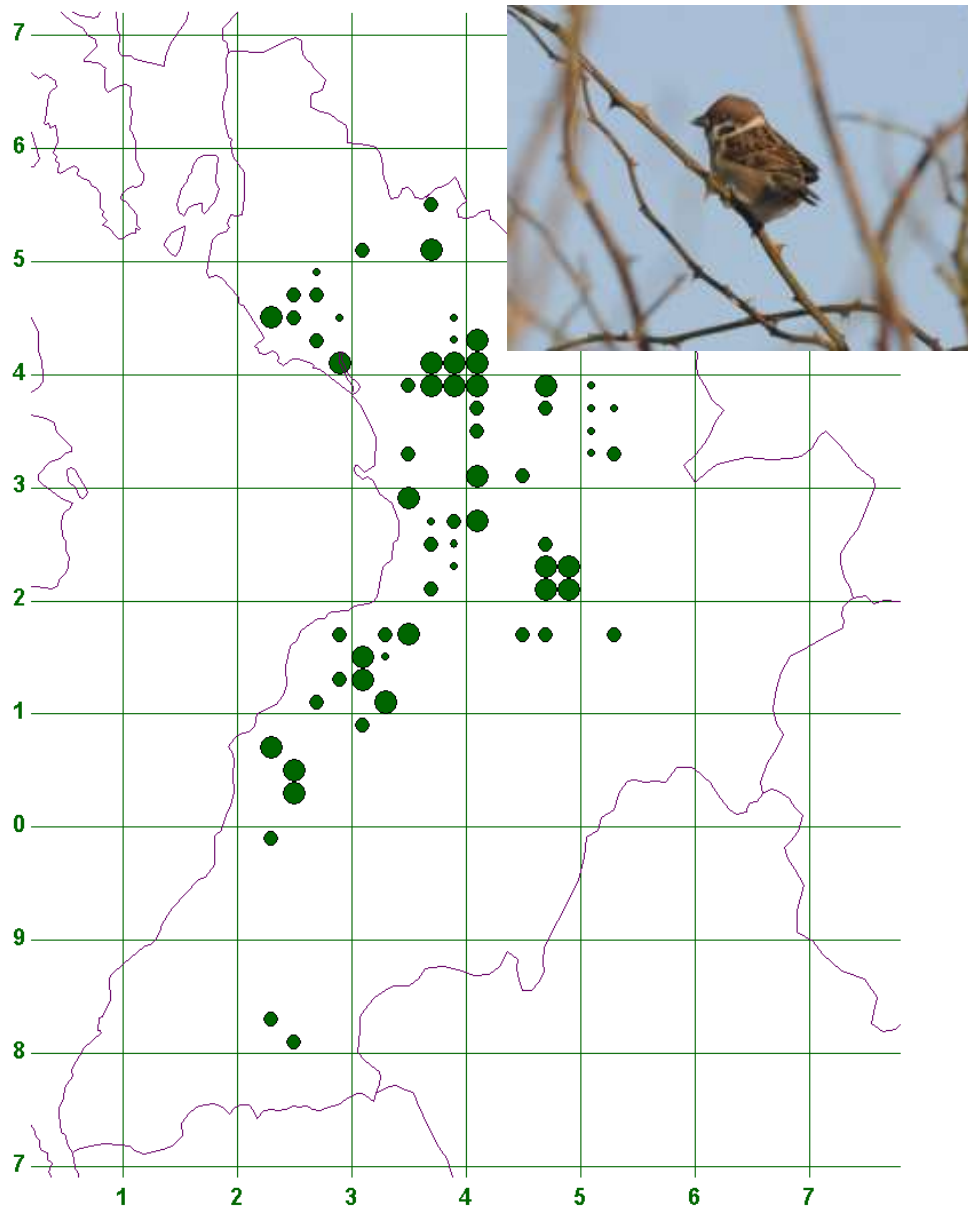


Tree Sparrow (*Passer montanus*)



Status: Uncommon breeder

Current trend: Now absent from many areas shown on the map, particularly in South Ayrshire, the Tree Sparrow now has its main presence in the centre of the county. Proximity to suitable nest sites e.g mature Ash trees, along with a steady food supply, seems to limit its distribution. The absence of food in severe winters can see whole populations move into coastal locations like Greenan or Girvan where cereal stubble may be available.

Follow up: It is important to keep an eye on both winter flock numbers and breeding locations to avoid missing a further change in the population.