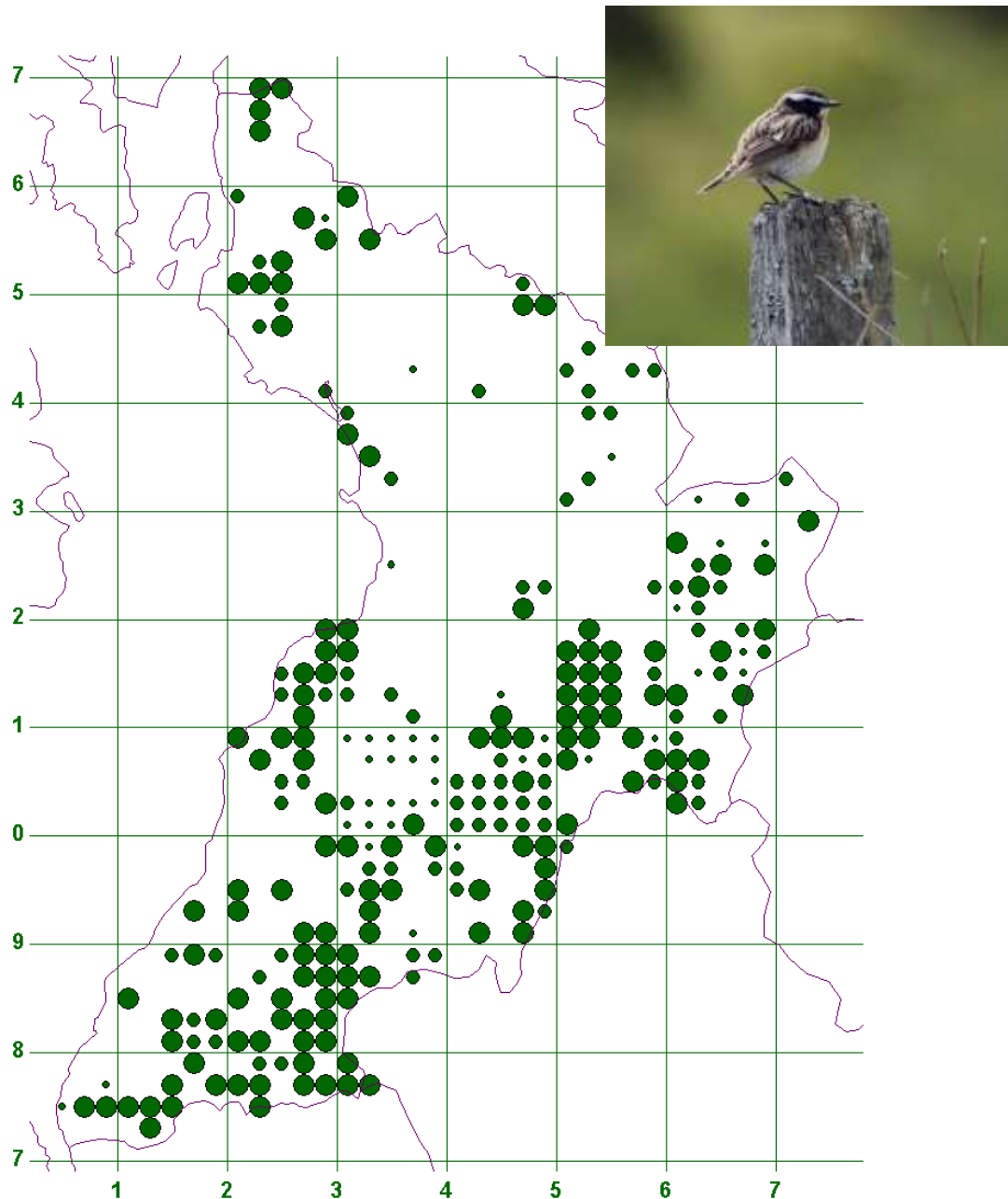


Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)



Status: Uncommon breeder

Current trend: Whinchat numbers have dropped noticeably during the past 15 years but, being a bird which often chooses a nest site in more inaccessible locations, it's difficult to be sure of the extent of this decline. Many of the former nesting locations in the South have vanished but it is still well distributed in areas like Loch Doon and parts of the Galloway Forest. 2012 saw an increase in occupied breeding sites once more.

Follow up: Continued visits to breeding sites to record presence.