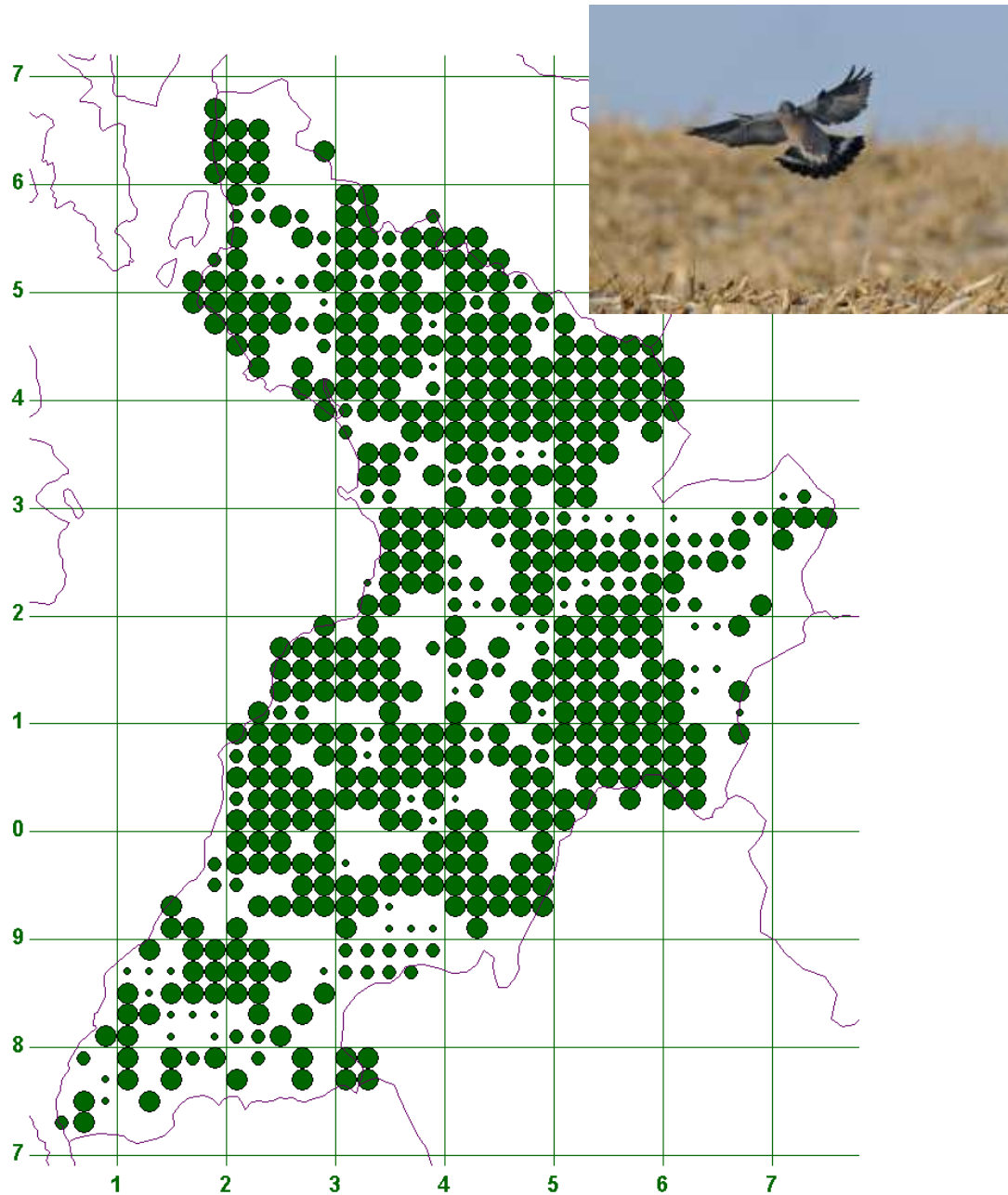


## Woodpigeon (*Columba palumbus*)



**Status:** Common breeder.

**Current trend:** Ayrshire's Woodpigeon population appears to be increasing again, having taken a dip at the end of the 1990s. As a breeding bird, it is present in virtually every tetrad, avoiding only the more open, upland areas of the county. The huge autumn and winter flocks, so typical of the 1970s, have begun to re-appear in recent times, perhaps signalling a return to improving fortunes.

**Follow up:** More information on breeding success would be useful.