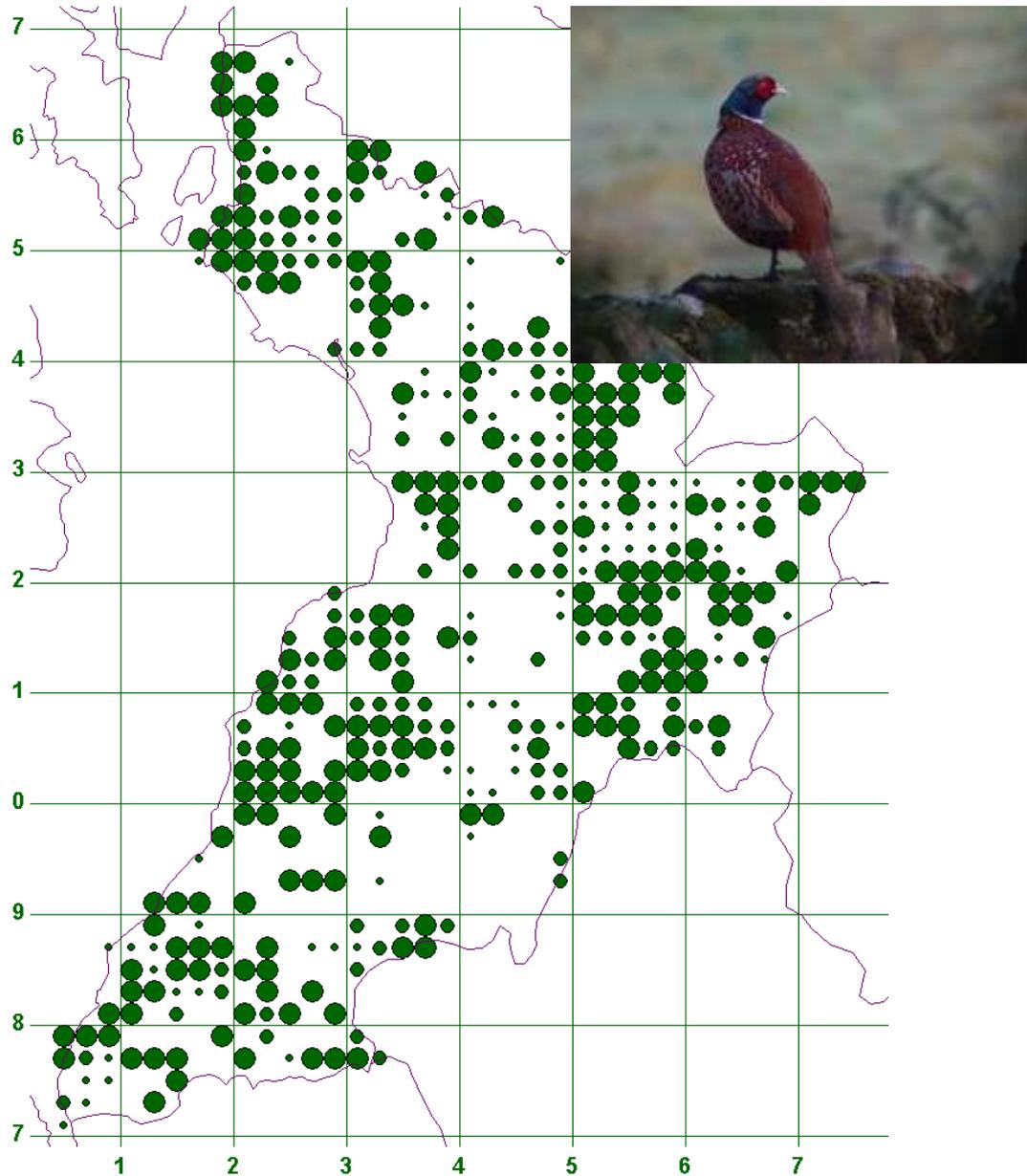


Common Pheasant (*Phasianus colchicus*)



Status: Common breeder (with large-scale, annual, introductions to the feral population from game interests).

Current trend: The distribution map maybe overestimates the breeding population. With huge numbers of this species reared in captivity for annual release on shooting estates, a breeding population has become established in a wide range of habitats within Ayrshire. To what extent this population is viable in the long term is unclear, but it seems to have become well established in conifer forestry.

Follow up: Continued reporting of occurrences of breeding birds are useful in keeping track of the bird's distribution.