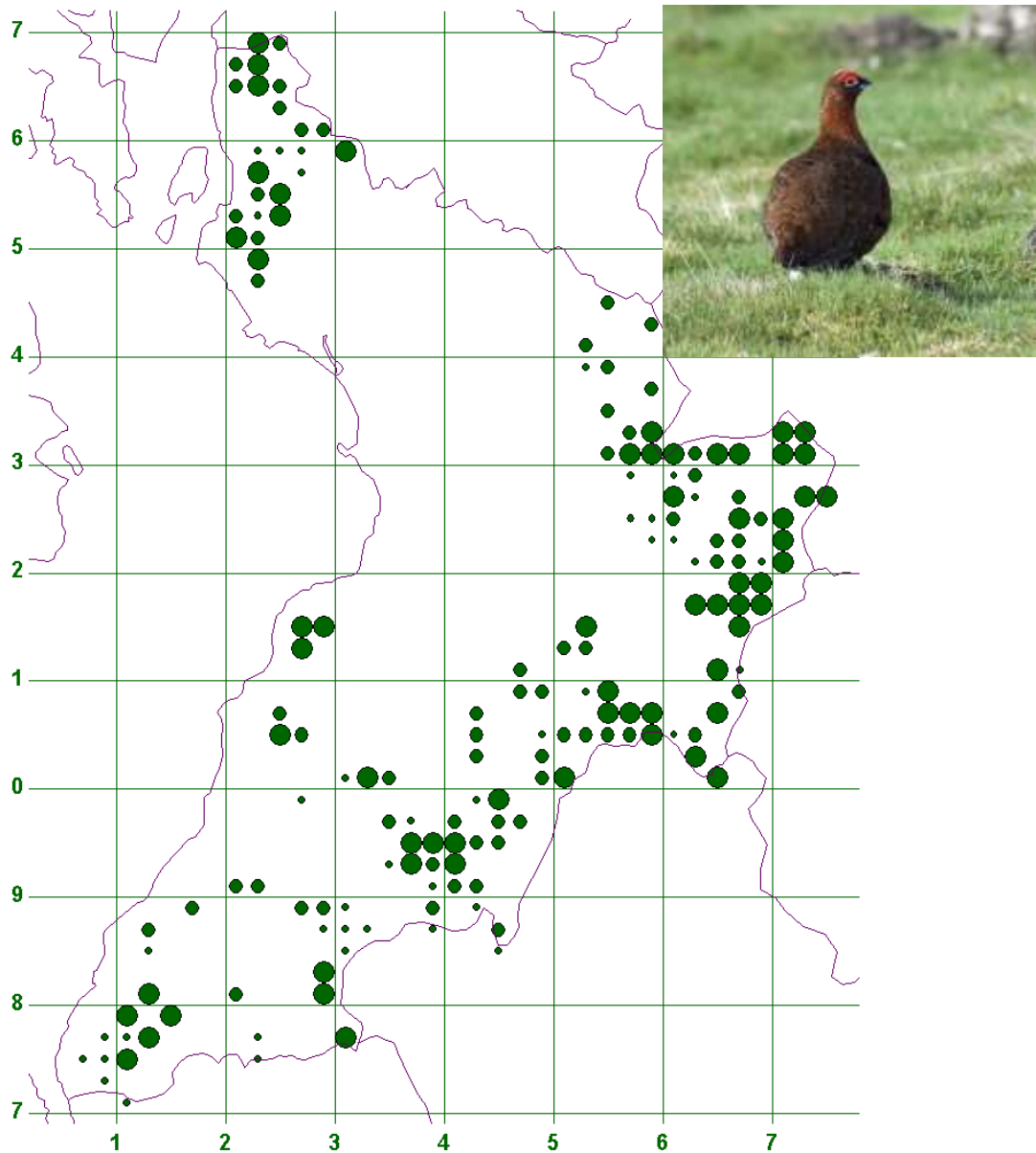


Red Grouse (*Lagopus lagopus scotica*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: Although the bird has disappeared from some of its former upland haunts e.g. Carrick Hills, it still has strongholds in the East and North of the county, mostly on managed grouse moors. Numbers elsewhere, e.g. South Ayrshire remain low, perhaps due to poor quality habitat, but the Forestry Commission has improved the situation for both Red and Black Grouse in recent years through moorland improvement schemes.

Follow up: Visits to more marginal areas to discover if small numbers still exist in them.