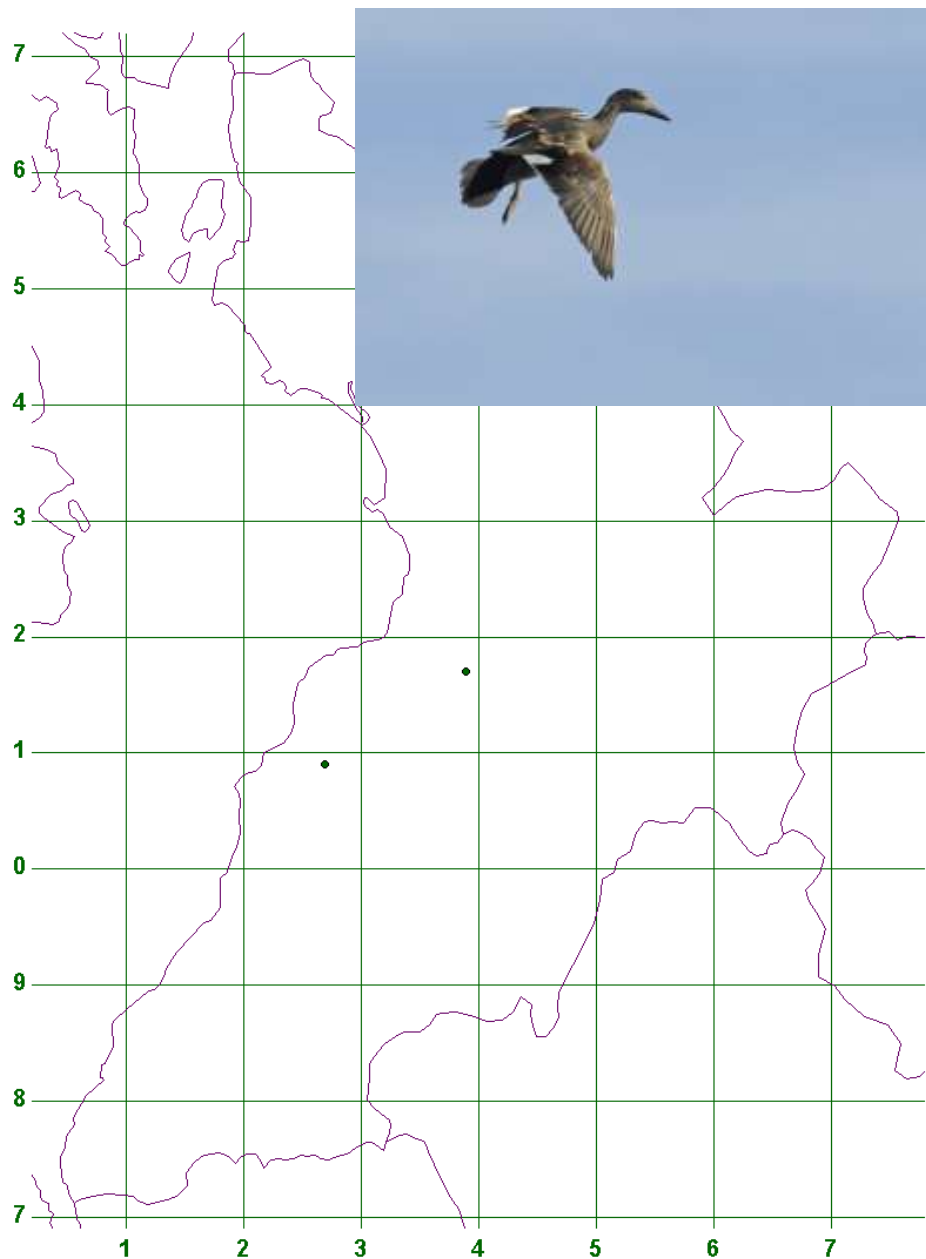


Gadwall (*Anas strepera*)



Status: Rare (and occasional) breeder.

Current trend: Increasing numbers of Gadwalls within Ayrshire, particularly in winter, have given rise to the hope that it might remain to become a breeding species. This was suspected in 1996, but confirmed breeding didn't occur until 2000. Since then, there has been one confirmed breeding record (2009) though birds have been noted in suitable habitats in the summers of 2010 and 2011. Hybridisation with Mallard has been noted on two occasions.

Follow up: Regular checks on likely nesting locations.