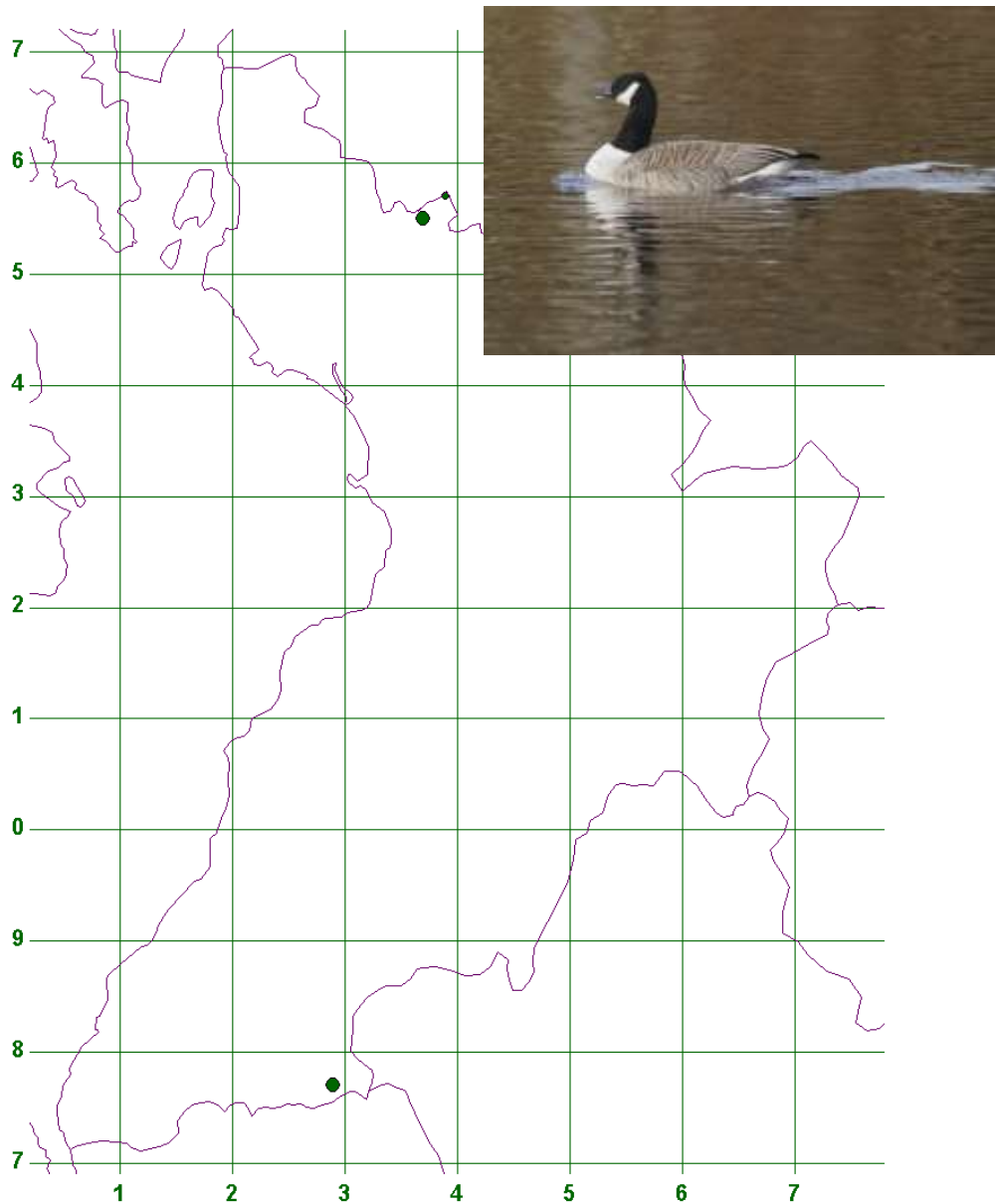


Canada Goose (*Branta canadensis*)



Status: Uncommon breeder.

Current trend: At present, the breeding population of Canada Goose is expanding rapidly, and the species is now moving from lowland locations into upland lochs where the impact of its presence could seriously affect the breeding success of some of our native species. The map above highlights the situation in 1997, prior to this rapid spread. The breeding population will reach a peak eventually, but this doesn't appear to have been reached yet.

Follow up: A call for action to be taken to control the Canada Goose population will not be universally popular, but it requires prompt action to protect some scarce native breeding species.