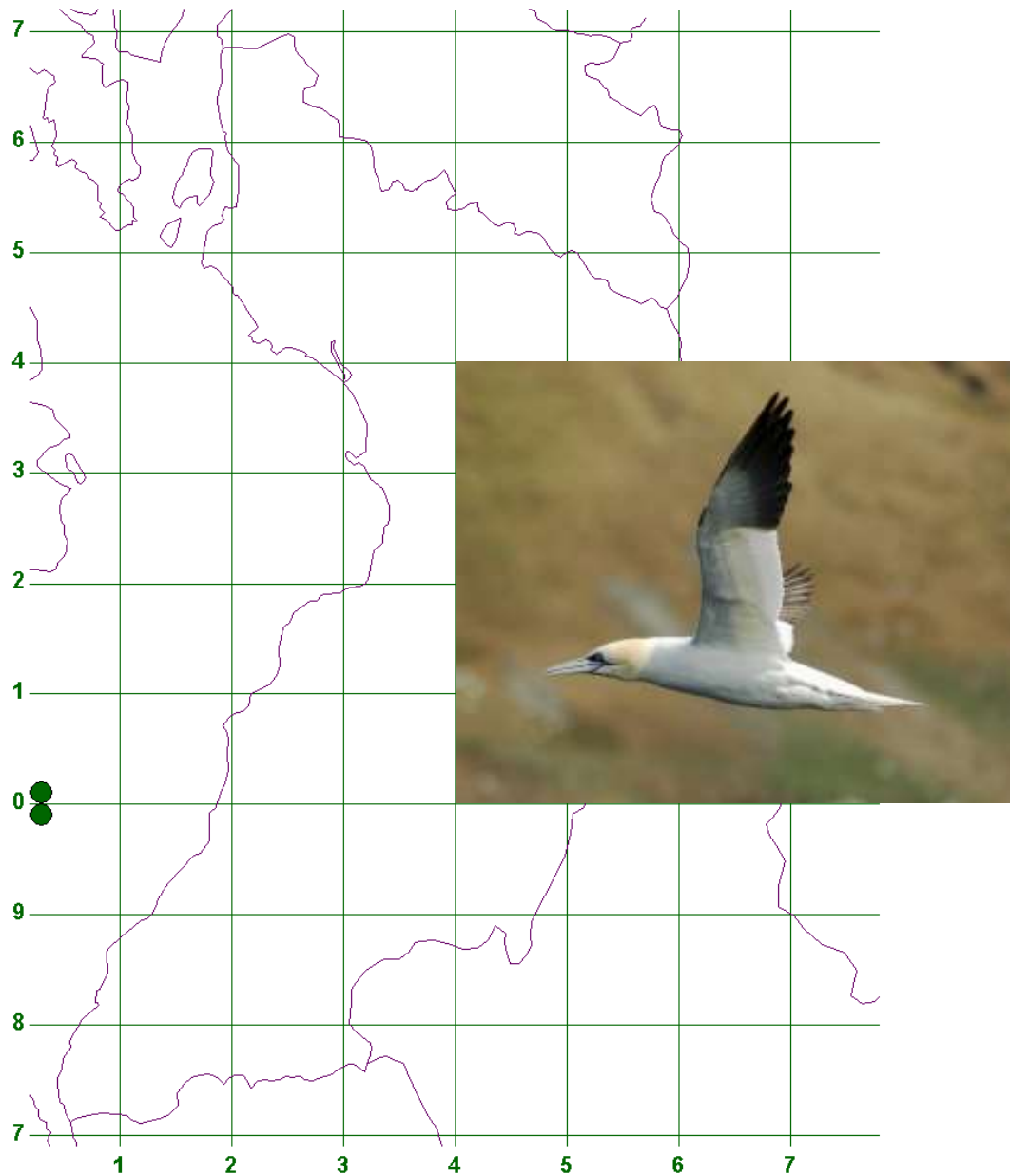


Northern Gannet (*Morus bassanus*)



Status: Common breeder.

Current trend: The breeding population of over 35,000 pairs on Ailsa Craig may be increasing slightly, as many birds appear to be moving on to the slopes along the North-west side of the island, although many there are prospecting, non-breeding birds. A very successful species, the Northern Gannet has shown a remarkable ability to prosper when so many seabirds have faced difficulties in recent times.

Follow up: Continued monitoring of the Ailsa Craig colony.