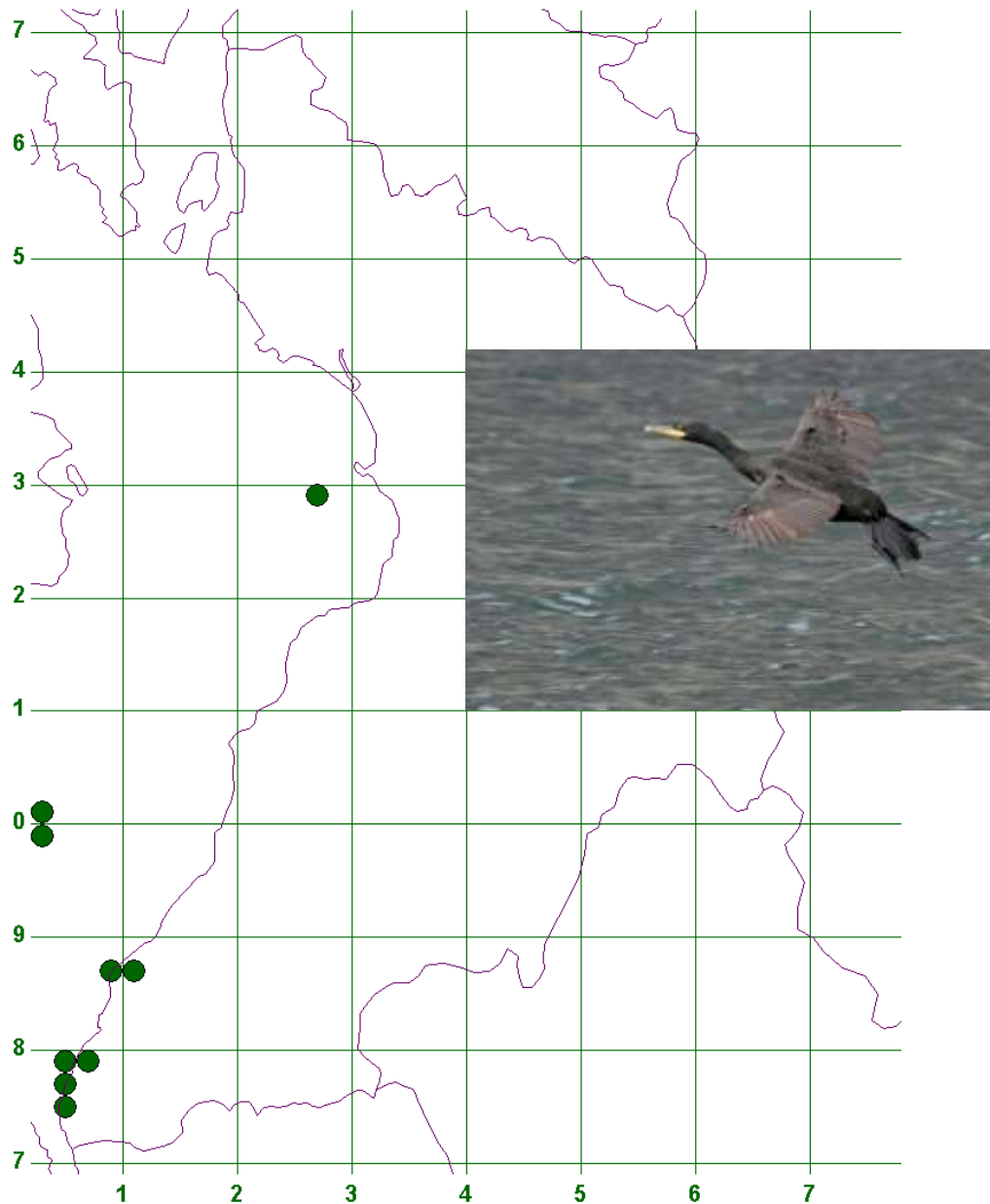


## Shag (*Phalacrocorax aristotelis*)



**Status:** Common breeder.

**Current trend:** There are indications of a recent increase in the breeding population, with the colonisation of Horse Island during 2004. Ailsa Craig also holds a population which was estimated to be c175 pairs in 2009. Lady Isle also has a thriving colony, while the South Ayrshire coast still has a population of around 200 pairs.

**Follow up:** More survey work and reports from colonies will be useful in tracking the Shag's future, particularly in the North of the county.