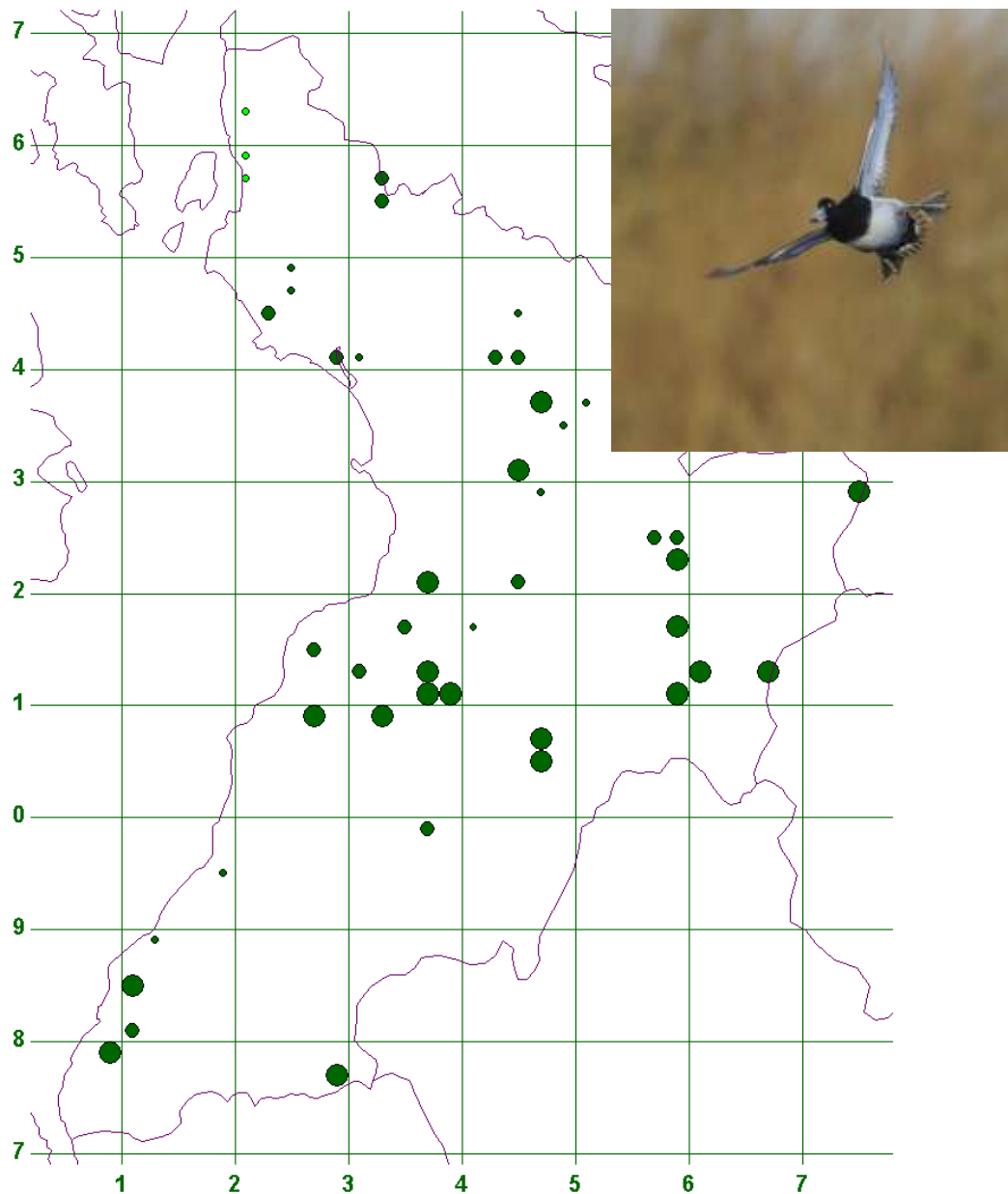


## Tufted Duck (*Aythya fuligula*)



**Status:** Scarce breeder.

**Current trend:** As a breeding bird, Tufted Duck is limited by the availability of suitable sites. There are a few regularly used lochs and ponds in the county, although pairs are not always successful on these. Most sites are found in Central Ayrshire, a common feature to all being the presence of fringing vegetation or small islands which offers some nest site security e.g. at Pinbain fishery and Lands of Turnberry. Problems at these sites include the threats of predation by Mink and Otter, along with human disturbance.

**Follow up:** Recording of breeding success at known sites should continue.