

# 75 Gadwall



## GADWALL (*Anas strepera*)

### IDENTIFICATION

46-56 cm. **Male** in winter brown-grey; white underparts; black undertail coverts; grey wings with a chestnut band; white and black speculum. **Female** brown, with dark streaked; speculum similar to **male**.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

**Male** with unmistakable plumage. Pattern of the speculum differs the **female** from other brown ducks.

### SEXING

**Male** in **breeding** plumage unmistakable, with grey colour; black underparts; chestnut median wing coverts. **Male** in **non breeding** plumage similar to **female**, but with larger speculum, more extensive chestnut on median coverts and shortest scapulars vermiculated. **Female** brown; ventral region mottled blackish; median wing coverts with only small traces of chestnut; scapulars never vermiculated. **Juveniles** can be sexed: **male** with median coverts with light wavy horizontal stripes and chestnut tips; **female** with median coverts with more regular barring and with chestnut tips, if present, only on outer covert tips.

### AGEING

3 types of age can be recognized:

**Juvenile** with tail notched at tip, edged white; narrow median and greater coverts; short tertials, grey-brown with paler tips.

**1st year autumn/2nd year spring** similar to **adults**, but with retained wing and tail feathers, which will be eroded.

**Adults** with fresh flight feathers; wing coverts broad and with rounded tips; long and pointed tertials, pale grey in **males**, brown in **females**.

### MOULT

Complete **postbreeding** moult, acquiring eclipse plumage, usually finished on July (**males**) or August (**females**). Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body and sometimes tail feathers; usually finished in October. Both types of age have a partial **prebreeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage.

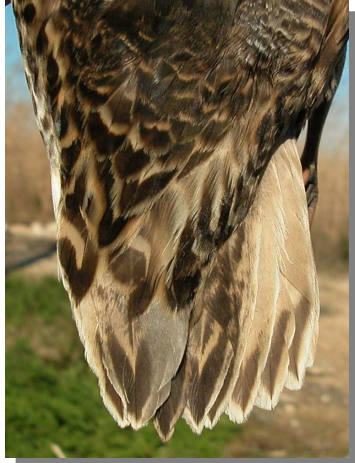
### PHENOLOGY

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### STATUS IN ARAGON

Winter visitor with some breeding pairs in Gallocanta, mainly in years with good conditions for the species.

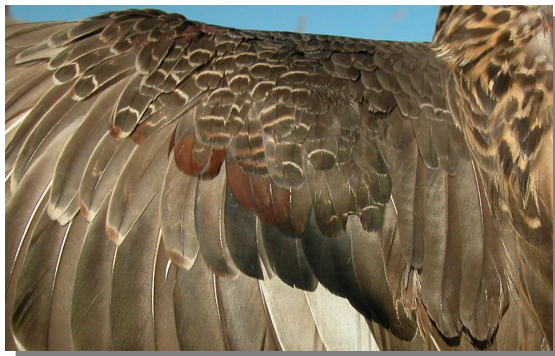
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Gadwall. Adult. Female: tail pattern (02-II).



Gadwall. Adult. Female: pattern of secondaries (02-II).



Gadwall. Adult. Female: pattern of wing covers (02-II).



Gadwall. Adult. Female: pattern of primaries (02-II).



Gadwall. Adult. Female: pattern of tertials (02-II).



Gadwall. Adult. Female: pattern of wing (02-II).