



Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male (28-VIII).

#### GARGANEY (Spatula querquedula)

#### **IDENTIFICATION**

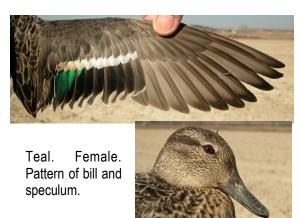
37-41 cm. In **breeding** plumage, **male** with large white band on the eye reaching nape; dark mottled on head and breast; grey flanks; white vent; long black and white scapulars; green speculum with poor gloss and two shite bands. **Female** with brown and mottled plumage; brown-greenish speculum; grey wing coverts; grey bill.



Garganey. Pattern of speculum and wing coverts.

### SIMILAR SPECIES

**Male** with unmistakable plumage. The pattern of the speculum, the size and the grey bill make differ the **female** from other brown ducks.

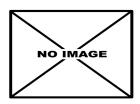


#### **SEXING**

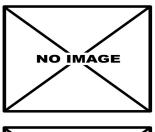
Male in breeding plumage unmistakable with brownish—black crown with golden cheeks; white broad supercilium which extends well down the nape; elongated scapulars stripped grey, dark green, black and white; forewing pale blue grey; speculum with light green sheen; secondaries and greater coverts with broad white tips. In non breeding plumage similar to female, but with pale blue-grey forewing and green speculum. Female with brown plumage; narrow pale supercilium; without elongated scapulars; forewing dark grey brown; speculum dull grey brown, sometimes with slight green tinge in innermost secondaries; greater coverts with narrow white tips; secondaries with white tips only on the outer vanes.

Juveniles can be sexed: male with dirty blue grey lesser and median coverts; greater coverts with broad white tips; speculum dull metallic green; secondaries with white tips. Female without blue tinge on lesser and median coverts; greater coverts and secondaries with narrow white or buff-white tips; speculum dull grey brown and without green gloss.





Garganey. Breeding plumage. Sexing. Pattern of head: left male; right female.





Garganey. Adult. Non-breeding plumage. Sesing. Pattern of speculum: top male; bottom female.

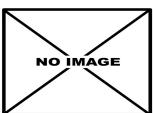
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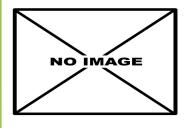
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Garganey. Juvenile. Non-breeding plumage. Sesing. Pattern of speculum: top male; bottom female.





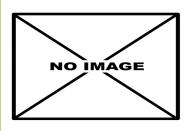
Garganey. Male. Non-breeding plumage. Ageing. Pattern of speculum: top adult; bottom juvenile.

#### **AGEING**

3 types of age can be recognized (see **SEXING**): **Juvenile** with tail feathers notched at tips with bare shafts projecting; greater coverts narrow and pointed, usually with dark spot at tip of inner vane; speculum only dull metallic green in **male** and without green tinge in **female**.

**2nd year spring** with worn **juvenile** flight feathers; some birds with **juvenile** body feathers and wing coverts retained.

Adult in spring with fresh wing coverts and flight feathers. In autumn with broad and rounded greater coverts, without a dark spot at tip of inner vane; speculum bright metallic green in male and dull grey brown with slight green metallic sheen in the innermost secondaries in female.





Garganey. Female. Nonbreeding plumage. Ageing. Pattern of speculum: top adult; bottom juvenile.



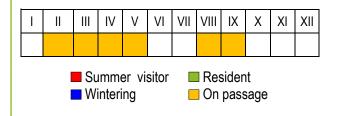


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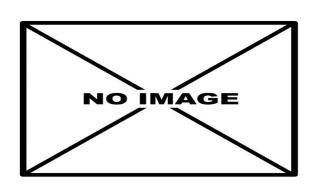
#### **MOULT**

Complete **postbreeding** moult, acquiring eclipse plumage, usually finished by August. Partial **postjuvenile** moult confined to body, tail, a few tertials and some wing coverts; starts by September and finished in wintering quarters. Both types of age have a partial **prebreeding** moult acquiring breeding plumage.

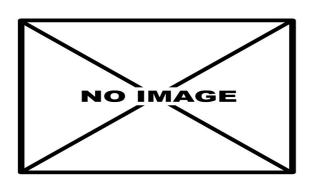
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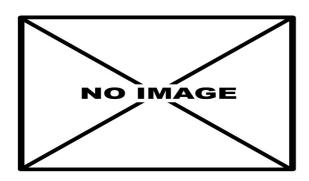




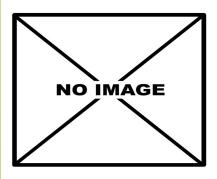
Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Male ().

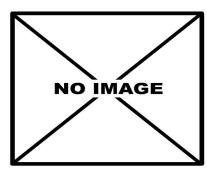


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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female ().





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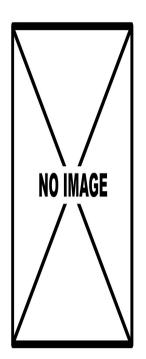
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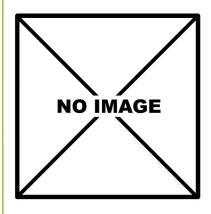
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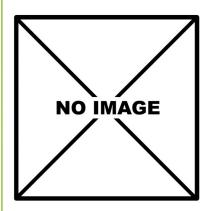






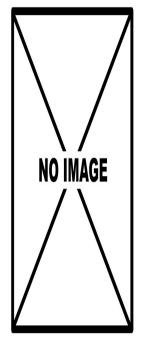
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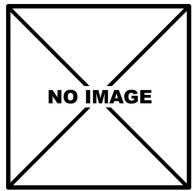
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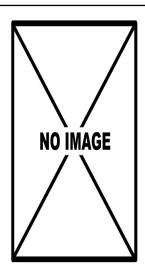




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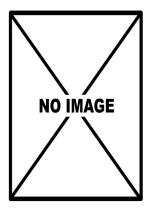


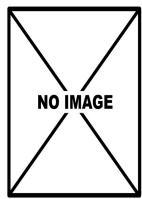
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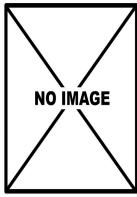
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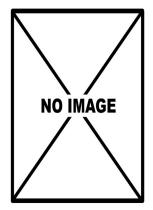


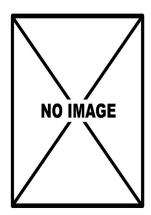
Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Tail pattern: left male (); right female ().





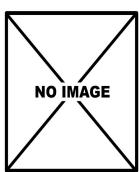
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Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Pattern of undertail coverts: left male (); right female ().

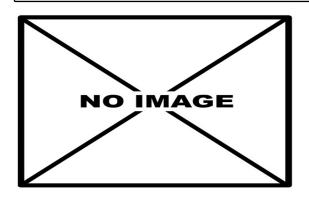




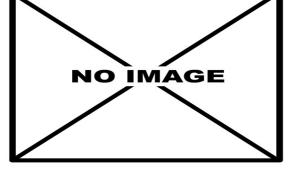
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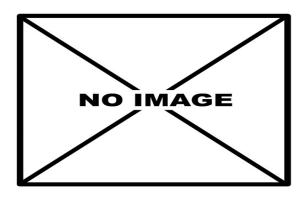




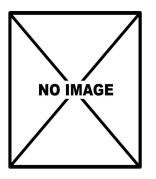
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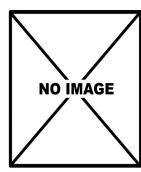


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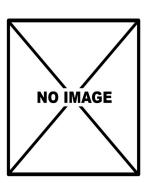


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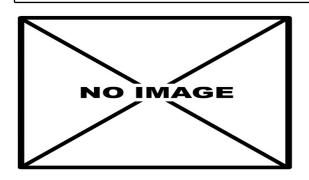
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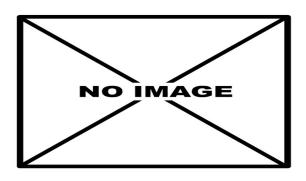


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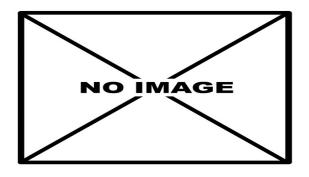
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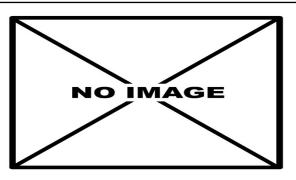
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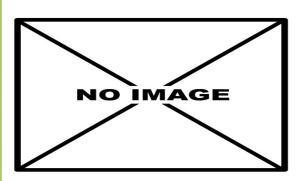
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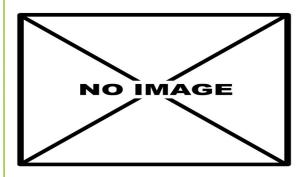
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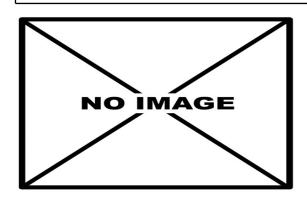
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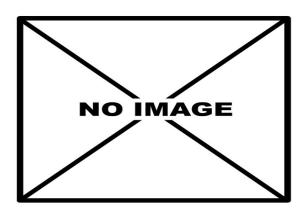
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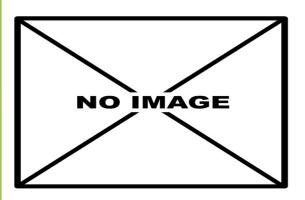
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Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Female: pattern of secondaries ().





Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Male: pattern of wing ().





Garganey. Autumn. Adult. Female: pattern of wing ().







Garganey. Autumn. Juvenile. Male: pattern of wing (28-VIII).





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