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Introduction.

Over recent years the NE Wales Bird Report has been growing ever-larger and more detailed, culminating in the recently-published, combined Report for 2019 and 2020 (available on-line since 2022). The scale of the effort by members of CBRG (Clwyd Bird Recording Group) in producing these Reports also resulted in an ever-longer delay in publication. When Ian Spence decided in 2022 to step down as Bird Recorder and Report Editor in order to make time for his other ornithological activities, and when at the same time several CBRG members had to step down from production of the annual Bird Report, I offered (as a “catch-up” measure) to edit this 2021 Report in a more concise format, so that consideration could be focussed on more timely production of a 2022 Report.

Much of the background information that is normally found in the first 10-12 pages of a NE Wales Bird Report changes little from year-to-year and can be found in the 2019-20 Report. Indeed, anyone finding the following report rather too terse and technical is recommended to read it alongside the 2019-20 Report where they can find background details about the status of each species in Flintshire (Flints) and Denbighshire (Denbs).

This Report is based almost entirely on data provided in spreadsheet form by Cofnod (which is turn based largely on BTO data: Birdtrack, Garden Birdwatch, BBS, WeBS, etc) and other important sources (RSPB [Graham Jones and Colin Wells], E-bird, direct submissions, etc).

Unusual records for 2021 included the Squacco Heron that stayed near Big Pool Wood for a week in September, the Dusky Warbler at Point of Ayr for 3 days in November and a Tundra Bean Goose in the Trevalyn area for 3 days in February. For the first time, Pintail nested in North Wales (on the Welsh side of the border that runs through RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands) and Avocet nested on the Welsh side of the river Dee.

Most bird records are submitted as within a 1km square and these squares often lie across the border between Flints and Denbs, Denbs and Gwynedd, and sometimes even Wales and England. One of the problems is deciding which side of the border the bird was (fortunately, birds, unlike plants, are very mobile). The border between the vice-counties for record-keeping, VC50 (Denbs) and VC51 (Flints), is not the same as the new county borders. All records relating to the Clwyd estuary are allocated to VC50 (Denbs) while those related to Rhuddlan are in VC51 (Flints).

For most species, the number of Birdtrack records is given as an index (very far from perfect) of their relative abundance and instances of confirmed breeding are reported, although absence of such instances is usually due to observer recording habits and bird secrecy, rather than breeding failure.

Ian Spence has produced all the maps from Cofnod data and has assembled the text and figures into its final pdf format. Thanks are also due to those who have kindly provided photographs. An index of locations at the end includes abbreviations like POA (Point of Ayr) and Connah's Quay NR (Connah's Quay Nature Reserve with RSPB Oakenholt Marsh). I am solely responsible for any errors, including boundary errors, that have crept into this Report.

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The Systematic Species List

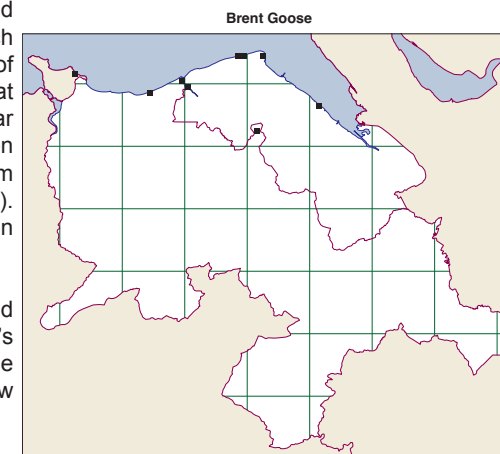
Brent Goose *Branta bernicla*

GŴYDD DDU

The light-bellied form, B. b. hrota, is of Greenland origin and a rather scarce winter visitor.

Flints. 8 records from POA, Gronant and Walwen Marsh (Bagillt). Max 66 which flew down to Walwen Marsh “in groups of 24, 34, 2 and 6” on 30/03 (DWin), 60 at Gronant on 11/01 (RiE), 52 at a pond near Caerwys on 04/01 (MV) and 39 at POA on 10/04 (SD). One of the dark-bellied form was seen at Gronant on 19/11 (WRM). This form, *B. b. bernicla*, is rarely seen and breeds in northern Russia.

Denbs. 7 records. The Clwyd estuary had 14 on 09/01 and 16 on 7/02 (JHi). Horton's Nose had 19 on 21/02 (RiE) and the highest count of 31 on 25/02 (JHi). 9 flew west past Pensarn on 30/03 (WRM).



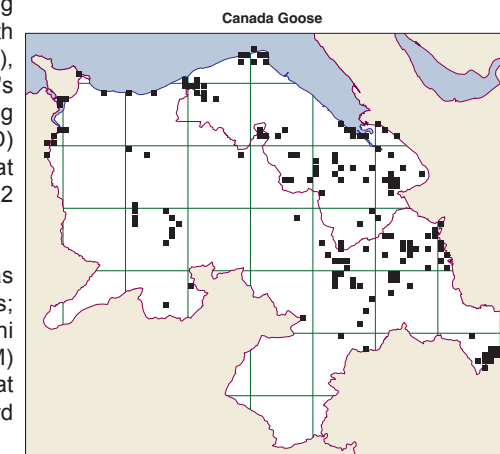
Canada Goose *Branta canadensis*

GŴYDD CANADA

A very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 446 records with breeding confirmed at Nannerch Fishery (1 pair with 5y; GEM), Rhyl Brickworks Pool (AHJ), Connah's Quay NR (PSH), St David's Park-Ewloe (AHJ), 3 pairs at Maes-y-Grug (Soughton), Talacre (DWin), Gronant (SD) and Rhydtalog (SD). Max 2500 at Connah's Quay NR/Oakenholt on 23/12 (PSH).

Denbs. 625 records. Breeding was confirmed at RSPB Conwy (9+ nests; WRM), Clwyd estuary (WRM), Lleweni (JHi), Ffynnon Fish Ponds (2 prs; GEM) and Aled Isaf (MaO). Maxima were 380 at Is-Y-Coed on 22/02 (NF) and 340 at Clwyd estuary on 31/08 (WRM).



Canada Goose	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			24	2	6	6	40	3	250		8	200
RSPB Oakenholt			144		7	12	180		32	300	140	2000
Point of Ayr		254	89							180	100	163
Clwyd Estuary			7	59				178			46	184
Conwy Estuary					24	245	77					25
White Sands					11	175	400	90	16	240	800	

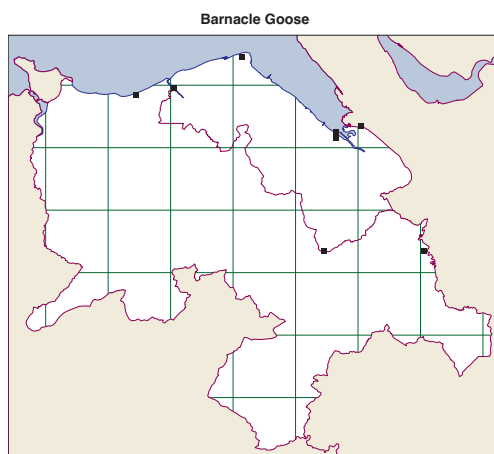
Barnacle Goose *Branta leucopsis*

GŴYDD WYRAN

Uncommon winter visitor, probably of feral origin.

Flints. 6 records, all at Connah's Quay NR (1-2 birds during 4/09 to 18/12: PSH).

Denbs. 6 records: 2 at Holt on 26/01 (NF) and singles at Clwyd estuary on 23/12-27/12 (JHi, AHJ), Nant-y-Ffrith on 21/03 (SD) and on the beach at Pensarn 2/12 (SD).



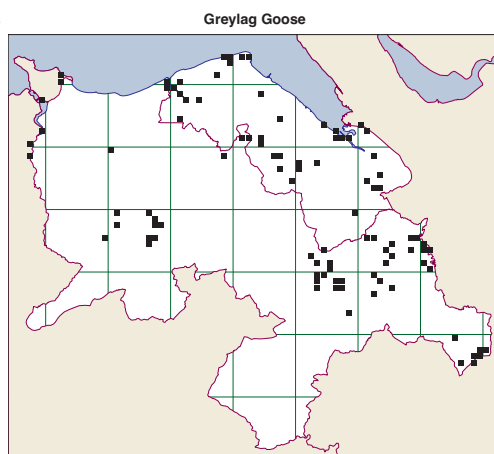
Greylag Goose *Anser anser*

GŴYDD LWYD

An increasingly common breeding resident inland, spreading from its original stronghold in the Clwyd valley, but much less common than Canada Goose on the Dee estuary.

Flints. 203 records with breeding confirmed at Fagl Lane Quarry (SD), Nannerch Fishery (8 pairs with 32y; GEM) and Star Crossing (pr + 4y: GEM). Max 52 at Rhuddlan on 15/01 (SH).

Denbs. 442 records. Breeding was confirmed at Clwyd estuary (WRM), Nant-y-Ffrith (SD) and Ty Mawr (JmHu). The maxima were 500 at Trevalyn on 9/02 (FrL), 411 at Clwyd estuary on 18/11 (JHi)



and 274 at Lleweni on 06/12 (JHi). Widely reported elsewhere in small numbers.

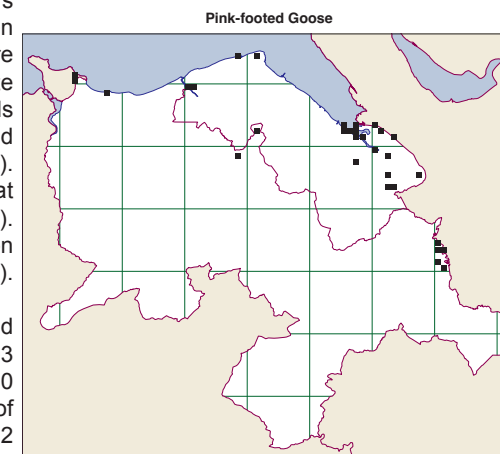
Pink-footed Goose *Anser brachyrhynchus*

GŴYDD DROETBINC

Abundant, but local, winter visitor in greatly-increased numbers.

Flints. 44 records (25 from Connah's Quay NR). Present up to 26/04 and then from 30/09 onwards. Highest counts were at White Sands with 8000+ at White Sands on 24/02 (GrJ), 8000 White Sands on 26/03, 9000 White Sands on 12/04 and 4000 White Sands on 30/11 (all CEW). Also 4200 in Feb and 3500 on 23/12 at Connah's Quay NR/Oakenholt (PSH). Inland, there were 55 at Maes-Mynan on 20/12 and 35 at Broughton on 8/02 (AHJ).

Denbs. 42 records. The Holt/Is-Y-Coed flock was present between 2/02 and 22/03 peaked at 1,000 on 8/02 (NF); 400 returned there on 31/12 (JmHu). A flock of 156 at Glanwydden near Rhos on 20/12 (WRM) stayed in reduced numbers (37) until the year end. There were 19 at Trevalyn on 10/02 (FrL).



Tundra Bean Goose *Anser serrirostris rossicus*

GWYDD LAFUR Y TWNDRA

Rare winter visitor.

Denbs. Two were recorded with Pink-footed Geese at Trevalyn/Is-y-Coed from 8/02 to 10/02 (NF: accepted by WRBC).

White-fronted Goose *Anser albifrons*

GWYDD DALCENWEN

A scarce winter visitor.

Flints. Two records at Connah's Quay NR: 2 on 21/12 and 1 on 23/12 (PSH). One at Maes Mynan on 18/04 (KBr).

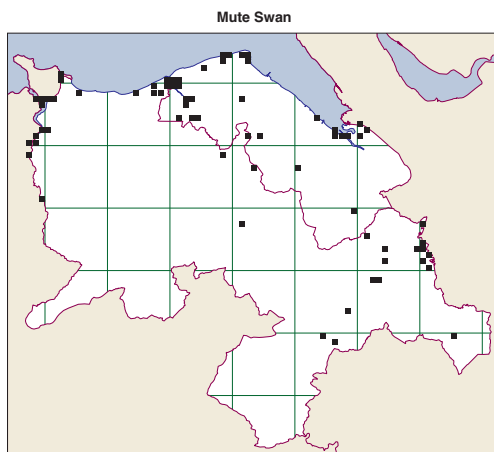
Denbs. There were 4 on the Clwyd Estuary on 23/12 (AHJ, RiE) and 5 there on 24/12 (JHi); also recorded 17/02 (JJo).

Mute Swan *Cygnus olor*
Common breeding resident.

ALARCH DOF

Flints. 539 records with breeding confirmed at Connah's Quay NR (pr + 6y on 20/07, but none survived: PSH), Llyn Helyg (pr + 2y on 29/06: GEM), Rhyl Brickworks Pool (pr + 4y on 27/06: WRM), Ysceifiog Lake (MD, SD) and Talacre (DWin). At the Rhyl Brickworks Pool, a first nest was abandoned and a new nest with 7 eggs replaced it on 7/05 (JHi). Max. 19 on 28/03 at Connah's Quay NR (PSH) and on 9/10 at St Asaph (JHi).

Denbs. 515 records but no confirmed breeding, only a probable nest site at Erddig on 1/5 (JmHu), though there were 4 other reports of family parties with grown young later in the year. Max. 43 at RSPB Conwy on 18/7 (WRM) and 40 at Clwyd estuary on 28/6 (AHJ).



Bewick's Swan *Cygnus columbianus*
Now a rare and declining winter visitor to the Dee estuary.

ALARCH BEWICK

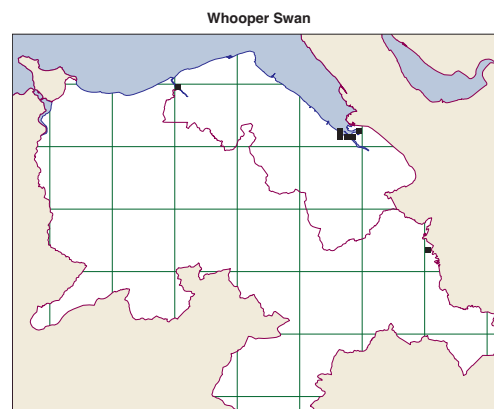
Flints. Five were seen with 28 Whoopers on 27/01 at White Sands (GrJ).

Whooper Swan *Cygnus cygnus*
Uncommon, but regular, winter visitor, mainly to the Dee estuary.

ALARCH Y GOGLEDD

Flints. All 7 records were from Connah's Quay NR/White Sands; 6 of them (3-31 birds) from 2/11-30/12 (PSH) and 1 record of 28 birds on 27/01 (GrJ: with 5 Bewick's). A group of 5 at Connah's Quay NR on 24/12 included 3 juvs (GEM). Max 31 on 29/11 (PSH).

Denbs. There were 3 on the R. Clwyd near Rhyl on 21/10 (WRM) and 6 near the R. Dee at Holt on 17/12 (TBT).



Egyptian Goose *Alopochen aegyptiaca*
This species is of feral origin and an occasional visitor to the estuaries.

GŴYDD YR AIFFT

Flints. 7 records, 6 of them at Connah's Quay NR (1 bird from 19/06 to 1/07: PSH) and 1 record of 3 birds at Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on 19/09 (SD).

Denbs. A single at Clwyd estuary on 12/05 (AHJ).

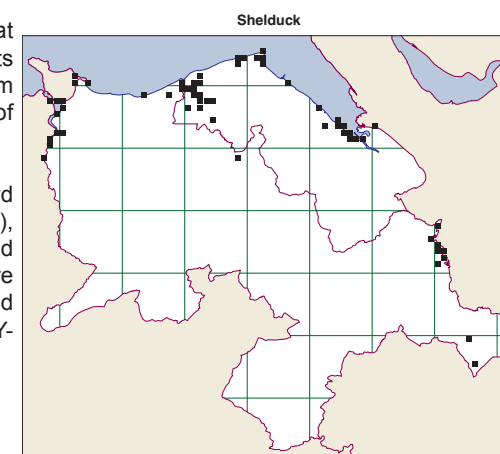


Shelduck *Tadorna tadorna*
A fairly-common breeding resident locally and very common year-round visitor.

HWYADEN YR EITHIN

Flints. 265 records with max. 1500 at Point of Ayr in Oct. (WeBS) but no reports of breeding. Nearly all records were from Connah's Quay NR to Point of Ayr/Gronant.

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed at Clwyd estuary (5 prs with 37y on 20/06; WRM), RSPB Conwy (31y on 1/08; JHg) and Lleweni (17y on 7/06; JHi). Maxima were 127 at Clwyd estuary on 9/04 (JHi) and 114 at RSPB Conwy on 25/04 (AHJ). Is-Y-Coed had 30 on 23/02 (NF).



Shelduck	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ffynongroyw	7		12	265	15	83	80	42		176	42	263
Flint Marsh			22	28	4		46	407	260	165	98	120
Point of Ayr	16		33	63	26	260	11	500		1500	550	293
Clwyd Estuary				72				18				46
Conwy Est			37		23	24	1	1				12
Gronant			68	21	35	17			18	17	17	36
White Sands				41	45	26	24	75	17	8	97	
Oakenholt			18	7	50	90	150	45	12	40	100	10

Ruddy Shelduck *Tadorna ferruginea*

HWYADEN GOCH YR EITHEN

An occasional visitor to the estuaries. Feral or escape.

Flints. Singles at Connah's Quay NR/Oakenholt on 10/06 (PSH) and 8/08 (JmHu), and on Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on 30/8 (CEW) and 18/09 (SD).

Mandarin Duck *Aix galericulata*

HWYADEN MANDARIN

An uncommon, but increasing, breeding resident.

Flints. 17 records with max 14 at Maes Mynan on 17/01 (KBr); present there 1/01-17/02. Present Ysceifiog Lake 11/03 to 9/05 (MV), but no evidence of breeding. There were 2 at Broughton 13/03-16/03 (AHJ) and 4 at Fagl Lane on 7/08 (SD).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed on the Llangollen Canal at Pontcysyllte with F + 9y on 4/06 (LGa) and 5/06 (IBur), F + 2y/5juv on 18/06 (NDR), and on the R. Dee below the aqueduct on 11/05, including a remarkable count of 28 there on 26/05 (DaHu). Possible breeding at Lleweni (JHi) and Erddig (JmHu). In winter, 10 at Llanfair TH on 9/03 (STh) and 3 at Llay Pool 9/01 (DuH). Other records along the R. Dee near Holt, Pant-yr-Ochain, the R. Alun at Sydallt, at Chirk Castle lake and near Cerrigdrudion.

Garganey *Anas querquedula*

HWYADEN ADDFAIN

A rare passage migrant.

Flints. One at Gronant feeding on intertidal mud with 65 Teal on 6/09 (WRM) and 2 on Border

Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on the same day (CEW).

Denbs. 1-2 birds at RSPB Conwy from 27/08 to 23/10.

Shoveler *Anas clypeata*

HWYADEN LYDANBIG

Fairly common visitor to freshwater locations.

Flints. Six pairs nested successfully at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) raising 32 young (GrJ). 131 records with max 55 at Shotton Papermill on 7/11 (IMS) and at Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on 24/10 (CEW), 54 at Gronant on 7/01 (JHi), 50 at Maes Mynan on 1/01 (KBr) and 42 at Connah's Quay NR on 27/12 (PSH). A flock of 30 was put up by a Marsh Harrier at Gronant on 21/12 (WRM). Smaller numbers at Shotwick Lake (33), Nannerch (4), Ysceifiog (4) and Rhyl Brickworks (4).

Denbs. 213 records. The highest counts were 40 at Gresford Flash on 20/01 (FrL), 39 at Fenn's Moss on 25/03 (RHa) and 35 at RSPB Conwy (RoH). Smaller numbers at Llay (13) and at Erddig and Trevalyn (6). Recorded in all months except June.

Gadwall *Mareca strepera*

HWYADEN LWYD

A fairly common and increasing breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 131 records and breeding confirmed by a brood of 6 ducklings on Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on 16/7 (CEW). Max 79 at Shotton Papermill on 7/11 (IMS) and 68 at Shotwick Lake on 24/02 (GrJ). Smaller numbers (10+) at Maes Mynan (Jan-Feb only: KBr) and Ysceifiog (Mar-May: MV). 1-8 birds at Connah's Quay NR up to 2/06 and then again from 12/09 onwards (PSH).

Denbs. 252 records, nearly all of which were from RSPB Conwy. Two broods of 8 and 4 ducklings at RSPB Conwy in May and July (AB, WRM, JHg). The highest

counts were 40 at RSPB Conwy on 6/11 (JHg) and 12 at Holt on 18/03 (NF). Single records at Fenn's Moss (2 on 15/11: GrJ) and Rhyl Marine Lake (5 on 15/12: JHi).

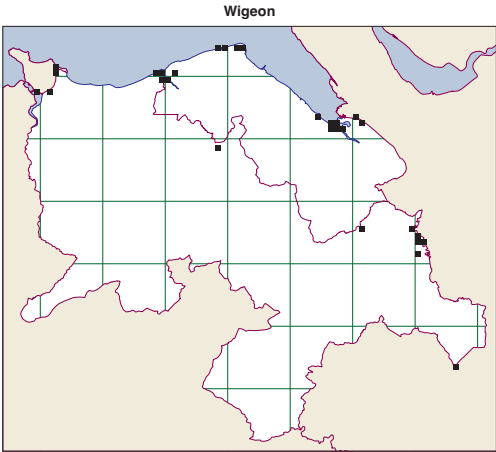
Wigeon *Mareca penelope*

CHWIWELL

An abundant winter visitor to estuaries and wetlands.

Flints. 156 records in all months of the year, but no breeding. Max. 6000 loafing at low water between Bagillt and Flint Point on 11/11 (CEW). Also 1700 on Jan WeBS count at Point of Ayr and 1000 at Connah's Quay NR on 22/09 (PSH). Singles only at Rhyl Brickworks.

Denbs. 312 records. The highest counts were 500 at Holt on 9/02 (NF) and 475 at Clwyd Estuary on 23/12 (JHi). Also, 58 at Rhyl Marine Lake on 25/02 (JHi). Present at RSPB Conwy throughout the year. Last spring record elsewhere on 9/04 and first autumn record on 3/07 (Clwyd estuary). Small numbers inland in winter at LLeweni (3 on 08/11: JHi), Llay (1 on 1/01: KS) and Hanmer (10 on 7/11: DaHa).



Wigeon	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			100	14						9	150	120
RSPB Oakenholt			150						40	140	800	95
Point of Ayr	1700	833	234							80	74	820
Flint Marsh			7							16	36	52
Conwy Estuary			26		3	3	3	2	10	187	118	169

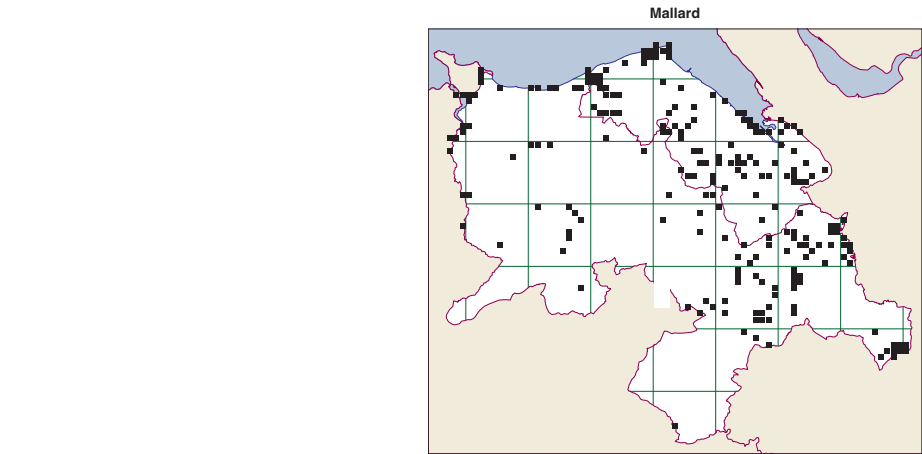
Mallard *Anas platyrhynchos*

HWYADEN WYLLT

An abundant breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 1096 records with breeding confirmed at 16 different locations. Max 708 at Connah's Quay NR on 24/06 (PSH), 100 at Rhuddlan on 8/10 (SH), 78 at Shotton Papermill on 20/12 (IMS) and 76 at Rhyl Brickworks on 19/02 (JHi). The high count at Connah's Quay NR is mainly birds undergoing the summer moult.

Denbs. Successful breeding at RSPB Conwy (JHu), Pensarn (WRM), Clwyd estuary (WRM), Erddig (JmHu), Llay (SD, JmHu), Llyn Gweryd (4 families: GEM), PenYcae (JoR), Pontcysyllte (NDR) and Horseshoe Falls (JoG). The highest counts were 96 at Clwyd estuary on 30/08 (JHi), 84 at RSPB Conwy on 6/11 (JHu), 58 at Horseshoe Falls on 19/01 (JoG) and 49 at Hanmer on 13/08 (DaHa).



Mallard: WeBS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			3	6	4	90	300	22	152	26	60	20
RSPB Oakenholt			40	4		22	60	207	40	21	120	22
Point of Ayr	2	19	32	2	2	2		145		63	74	21
Hanmer Mere				11		7		48	31	46	32	22
Ysceifiog Lake			18	13	26				13	37	36	28
Conwy Estuary				15	17	52	100	112	129	103	66	67

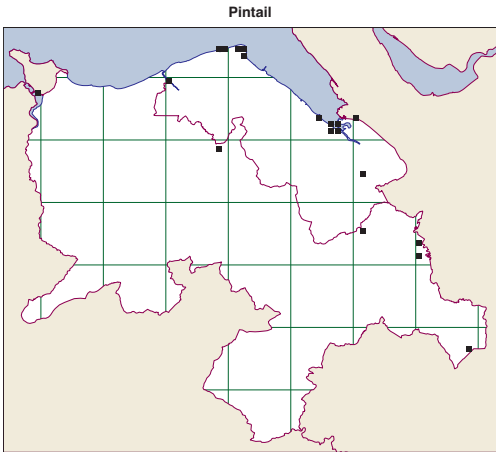
Pintail *Anas acuta*

HWYADEN LOSTFAIN

A very rare breeding resident and an abundant winter visitor to estuaries and wetlands.

Flints. 57 records (44 from Connah's Quay NR) up to 2/05 and again from 17/07 onwards. Max 5000 loafing at low water between Bagillt and Flint Point on 11/11 (CEW). Also 500 at Connah's Quay NR on 7/11 (PSH) and 150 at Point of Ayr on 4/11 (RiE). A pair of Pintail bred for the first time in North Wales at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints). Five eggs were laid and 3 fledged chicks were seen on 22/06 (GrJ).

Denbs. The highest counts were from Holt with 250 on 9/02 and 230 on 18/03 (NF). Also present Fenn's Moss (max 10 on 25/02: RHa) and Llay (max 8 on 23/03: TBT) and small numbers along the coast. Absent in summer 5/04-26/08.



Teal *Anas crecca*

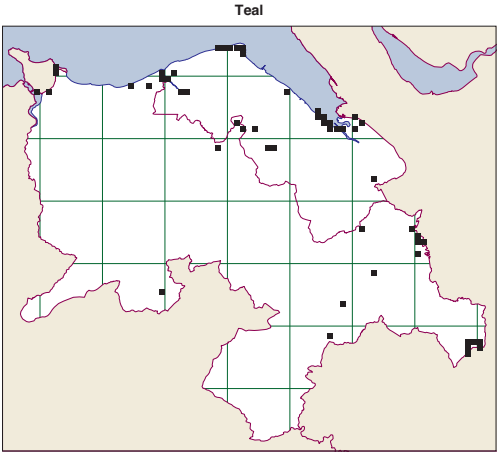
CORHWYADEN

A rare breeding resident and an abundant winter visitor to estuaries and wetlands.

Flints. 342 records (214 of which from Connah's Quay NR), no evidence of breeding. Max 2,500 at Connah's Quay NR on 4/09 (PSH). Present up to 24/04 and again from 17/06 onwards. Inland, seen at Ysceifiog (17 on 20/11: MV), Shotton Papermill (22 on 20/12: IMS), Maes Mynan (11 on 29/02: KBr), Star Crossing Pool (8 on 31/08: GEM).

Denbs. 397 records. No probable or confirmed breeding, though 2 were seen on Migneint on 30/05 and 25/07 (JaSh) and at Fenn's Moss during May-June (RHa). The highest counts were 254 at Clwyd estuary on 13/10 (JHi), 118 at RSPB Conwy on 18/09 (JHi), 100 at Holt on 13/02 (KS) and 60 at Fenn's Moss on 16/11 (RHa).

Teal	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			35	7			2	48	412	260	370	60
RSPB Oakenholt			125	7			2	32	2000	500	600	90
Point of Ayr	150	37	130	19				6		262	64	322
Flint Marsh			31	31	2			1	270	70	300	210
Conwy Estuary			32			1	2	53	144	182	66	54



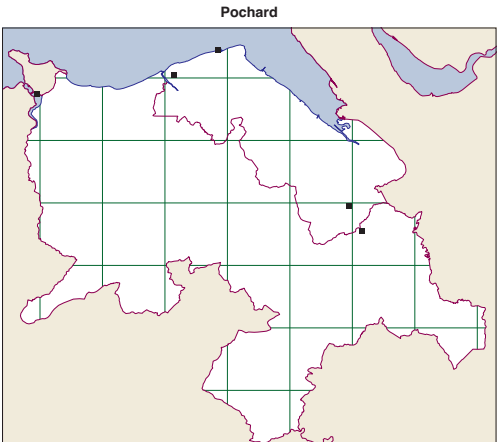
Pochard *Aythya ferina*

HWYADEN BENGGOCH

Uncommon, and possibly decreasing, winter visitor.

Flints. Two at Rhyl Brickworks 20/12-21/12, down to 1 on 22/12 (AHJ, RiE, JHi). A male at Gronant Dunes lagoon on 22/12 (WRM). One at Fagl Lane on 14/03 (SD). Max 8 at Gronant on 14/07.

Denbs. There were 2 at Llay on 25/02 (NF), but many other records of 1-6 birds at RSPB Conwy in March and May-Dec.



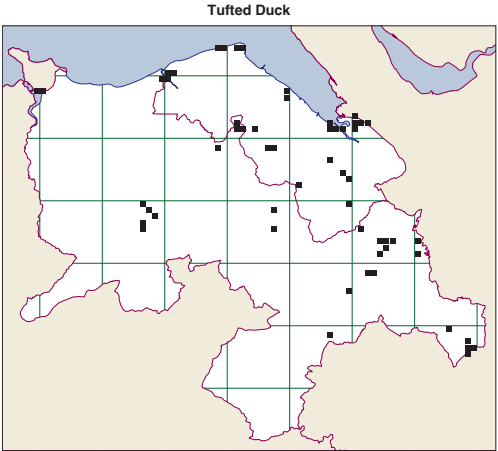
Tufted Duck *Aythya fuligula*

HWYADEN GOPOG

Common freshwater breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 541 records (264 from Rhyl Brickworks and 109 from Connah's Quay NR) with breeding confirmed at Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands (Flints) on 16/07 (3 broods: CEW), Rhyl Brickworks on 4/08 (AHJ), 2 pools near Rhyl (2 families, 6y and 1y, on 25/07: WRM), Connah's Quay NR fly ash lagoon on 06/08 (F+9y: GEM), Maes Mynan on 7/07 (MV) and Gronant where a female had 9y on 16/06 (StKe) down to 8y on 7/07 (WRM). Max 201 at Shotton Papermill on 7/11 (IMS) and 77 at Rhyl Brickworks on 21/11 (JHi). Double figures elsewhere at Shotton BSC, Nannerch, Star Crossing and Ysceifiog.

Denbs. 432 records and breeding was confirmed at RSPB Conwy on 24/07 (JHg), Llyn Brenig on 16/07 (SD) and The highest counts were 45 at Llyn Brenig on 17/11 (JmHu, TBT), 34 at Hanmer on 7/11 (DaHa), 28 at Holt on 2/02 (NF), 19 at Pant-yr-Ochain on 7/11 (WeBS) and 12 at Llewenni on 24/05 (JHi).



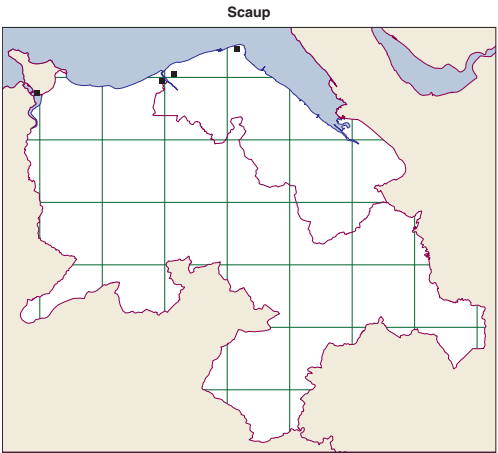
Scaup *Aythya marila*

HWYADEN BENDDU

A very scarce winter visitor to coastal areas.

Flints. 148 records, all from Rhyl Brickworks, where a single female was present from 4/01 to 29/03 and again from 24/09 to 31/12 (many obs.).

Denbs. One at Kinmel Bay on 27/03 (EB) and 1-2 at RSPB Conwy from 27/11 to 5/12.



Eider *Somateria mollissima* HWYADEN FWYTHBLU
A rare winter visitor on the coast.

Denbs. Three records from Rhos Point: 1 on 31/01 (JHi), 3 on 6/10 (AtG) and 10 on 3/11 (TBT).

Surf Scoter *Melanitta perspicillata* MÔR-HWYADEN YR EWYN
A rare, but regular, component of the offshore Scoter flocks.

Denbs. 10 records of singles with the Common Scoter flock in the sea off Llanddulas - Pensarn and one record of 2 at Pensarn on 15/04 (GrJ). Three submissions to WRBC (by RS, MrHu et al) accepted.

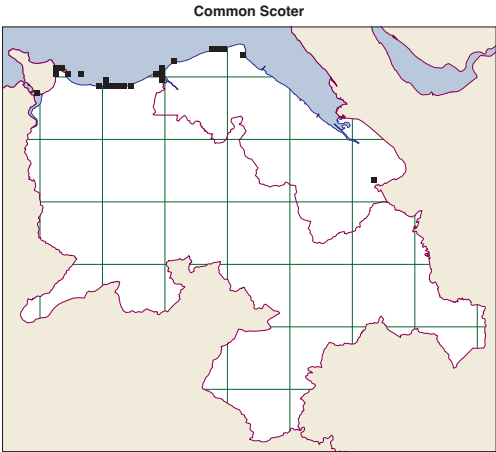
Velvet Scoter *Melanitta fusca* MÔR-HWYADEN Y GOGLEDD
A rare, but regular, component of the offshore Scoter flocks.

Denbs. 9 records of singles with the Common Scoter flock and 3 records of 2; all in the sea off Llanddulas - Pensarn.

Common Scoter *Melanitta nigra* MÔR-HWYADEN DDU
An abundant offshore winter visitor on the north coast.

Flints. 24 records from 15/03 to 21/06 and again from 19/08 to 24/12, off-shore from Rhyl to Point of Ayr (mainly Gronant).

Denbs. 118 records, all from the sea between Rhos and Rhyl with a high count of 4660 on 24/12 between Pensarn and Llanddulas (JHg).



Long-tailed Duck *Clangula hyemalis* HWYADEN GYNFFONHIR
A rare winter visitor to coast and estuary.

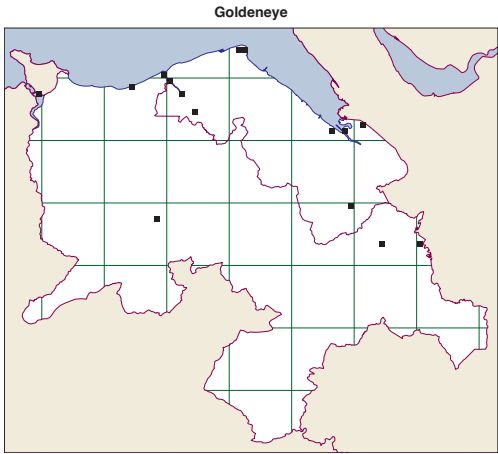
Flints. A female on Shotwick Lake from 10/12 to 31/12 (JmHu, TBT et al). Also nearby at the Welsh side of RSPB Burton on 30/10 (SuHa).

Denbs. Two at Llandulas on 22/12 and singles at Horton's Nose on 19/12 (JHi) and Rhos Point on 28/12 (WRM).

Goldeneye *Bucephala clangula* HWYADEN LYGAD-AUR
A rather scarce winter visitor that was once more common.

Flints. Two at Fagl Lane on 14/03 (SD). Singles at St Asaph on 12/02 (JHi), Connah's Quay NR on 11/11 (PSH) and Shotwick Lake on 30/12 (GrJ).

Denbs. Counts of 4 at Llyn Brenig on 30/11 (DaHa) and RSPB Conwy on 22/12 (RoH), and of 3 at Clwyd estuary on 2/01 (JHi) and Hanmer (DaHa). Also singles at Rhyl Marine Lake, Gresford Flash and Holt.



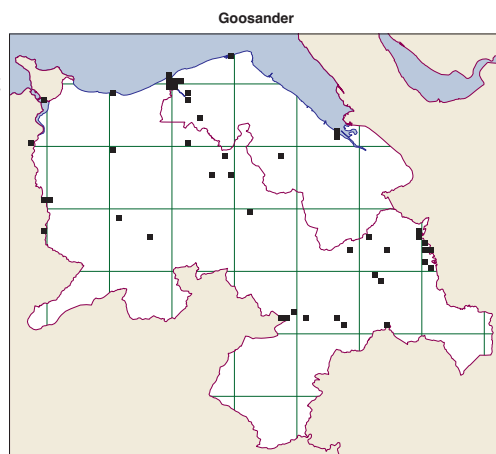
Smew *Mergellus albellus* LLEIAN WEN
A rare and irregular winter visitor.

Denbs. A female at RSPB Conwy from 29/11 to 5/12 was accepted by WRBC (submitted by RSPB Conwy).

Goosander *Mergus merganser* HWYADEN DDANHEDDOG
Fairly common winter visitor and breeding resident, often seen inland.

Flints. 190 records (107 from Rhyl Brickworks) with breeding confirmed with 6 fledged young at Rhuddlan on 28/05 (SH). Max 23 at Rhyl Brickworks on 5/12 (JHi). 16 records of up to 9 birds at Star Crossing Pool from 8/10 to 15/12 (GEM). Also recorded at Connah's Quay NR (14 on 22/07: PSH) and St Asaph.

Denbs. 294 records. Breeding confirmed by fledged young at Holt on 5/05 (AB), Clwyd estuary on 2/06 (AHJ) and Pontcysyllte on 18/06 (NDR). The highest winter counts were at Holt with 41 on 15/12 (NF), the Clwyd estuary with 4 counts of 28 (AHJ, JmHu, JHi, TBT) and 28 on Rhyl Marine Lake on 24/11 (JmHu). There were many records at inland lakes/ivers at Llay, Erddig, Brymbo, Llyn Brenig, Llanrwst, Horseshoe Falls and a notable count of 14 on 1/09 on R. Trewern at Llyn Celyn (LB).



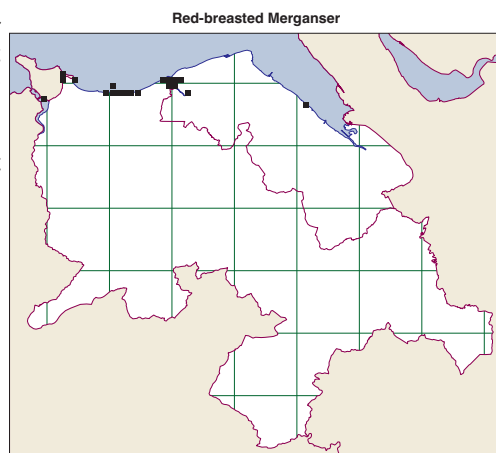
Red-breasted Merganser *Mergus serrator*

HWYADEN FRONGOCH

A regular winter visitor to coastal areas, often on the sea.

Flints. Only 5 records from 4 localities: singles at Rhyl Brickworks, Point of Ayr and Gronant and the high count of 7 at Walwen marsh near Bagillt on 30/03 (DWin).

Denbs. All records were from the coast with highs of 17 at RSPB Conwy on 11/03 (SK), 13 at Llanddulas on 12/12 (JHg) and 12 at Rhyl Marine Lake on 1/01 (AHJ). Present at RSPB Conwy all months except June.



Red Grouse *Lagopus lagopus*

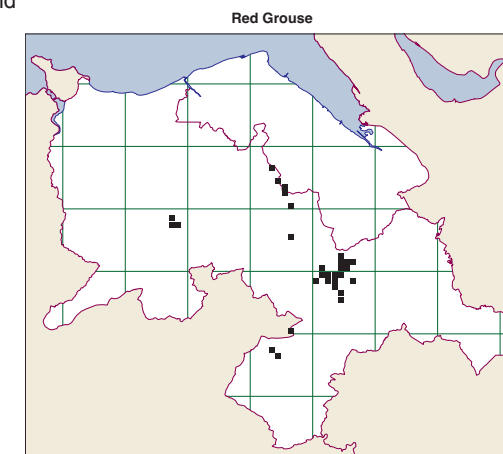
GRUGIAR GOCH

Uncommon resident of upland heather moors.

Flints. One at Penycloddiau on 24/04 (AHJ) was the only record.

Denbs. Fledged young were recorded in late April/early May at three well-separated sites on Esclusham Mountain (JmHu, PEM) [nearly all the 86 records and the highest count of 36 (JJo) were from this area] and at one site in the Berwyns (DJS). Elsewhere, the only records were

singles at Moel Famau on 8/11 (JoBa) and Llyn Brenig on 30/11 (DaHa).



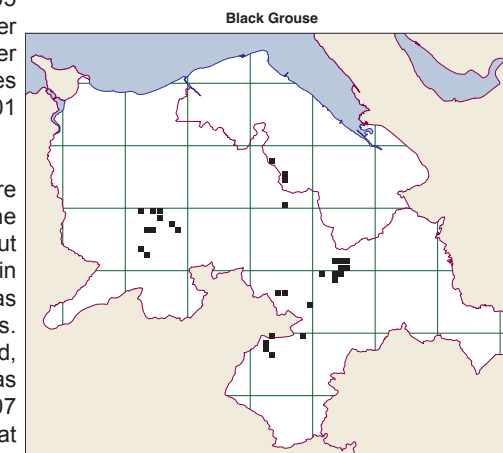
Black Grouse *Lyrurus tetrix*

GRUGIAR DDU

Uncommon resident of upland heather moors.

Flints. One at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW) and a male flushed by a hen harrier at Moel Llys-y-coed on 8/09 (MB). Other sightings in the Clwydians were 6 males in flight on 5/02 and single males on 2/01 and 22/06.

Denbs. Nearly all the 53 records were from Esclusham Mountain, where the highest count was 28 on 29/05 (PhBr), but surveys have shown other strongholds in the Mynydd Hiraethog/Llyn Brenig areas and, to a lesser extent, in the Berwyns. April leks with 10-12 males were recorded, but the only confirmation of breeding was a female with a single juvenile on 13/07 (CMJ). Elsewhere, there were singles at Moel Famau on 23/06 (GEM) and Llyn Brenig on 2/05 (KBr).



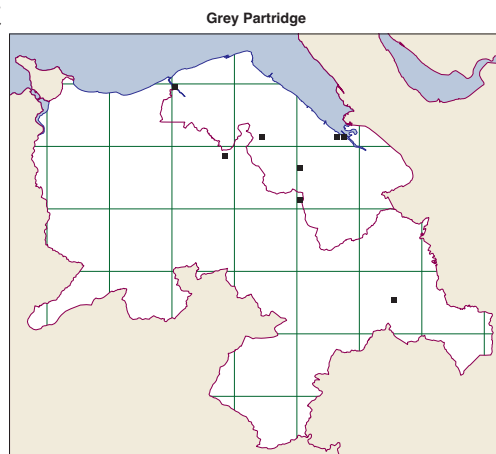
Grey Partridge *Perdix perdix*

PETRISEN

Rare breeding resident.

Flints. 24 records, 1 near Ysceifiog on 11/05 (ShN), 2 at Moel Findeg on 10/07, 1 found dead on Rhydymwyn Reserve on 17/03 and all rest at Connah's Quay NR from 28/03 to 18/11 (many obs; usually 2 with max 3)

Denbs. The only records were 1 at Lleweni on 11/10 (JHi) and 2 at Eytton near Wrexham on 6/05.



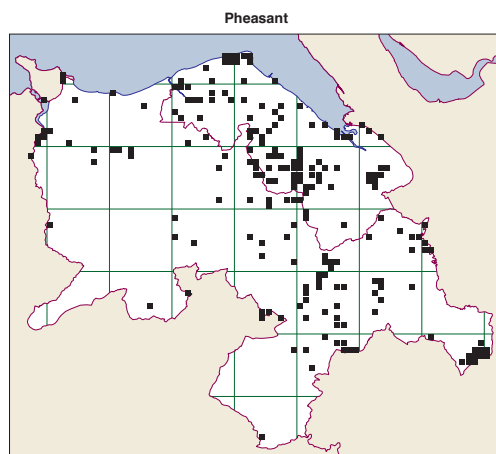
Pheasant *Phasianus colchicus*

Very common because of releases by shooting interests.

FFESANT

Flints. 548 records. Breeding was confirmed at Gronant on 6/09 (F +4y: WRM). "Several wild pairs" near Craig Fawr, Dyserth (IDJ). Max 48+ at Nannerch Fishery (Penbedw estate releases) on 10/09 (GEM).

Denbs. 526 records. Breeding was confirmed near Wrexham on 23/06 (JmHu). Max 70+ at Moel Arthur on 24/07 (SD).



Quail *Coturnix coturnix*
Rare migrant.

SOFLIAR

Denbs. Singles at Holt on 23/06 (NF) and near LlanfairTalhaiarn on 24/06 (SKT) were likely migrants.

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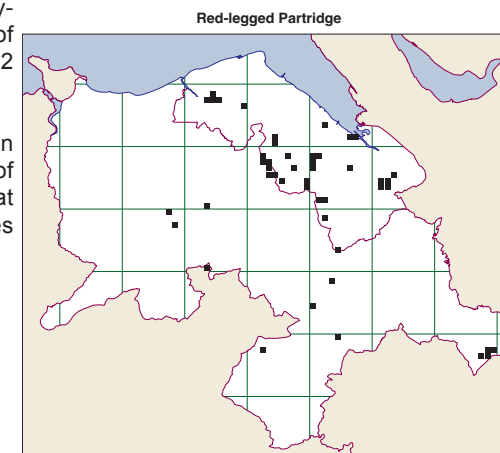
Red-legged Partridge *Alectoris rufa*

Increasingly common because of releases by shooting interests.

PETRISEN GOESGOCH

Flints. 123 records of a bird widely-released for shooting; no evidence of breeding. Max. 29 at Broughton on 11/12 (AHJ).

Denbs. 65 records (28 of them in April/May) but no confirmation of breeding. The highest count of 6 was at Garreg Ddu in the Berwyns on 3 dates Aug-Oct (JuSh).



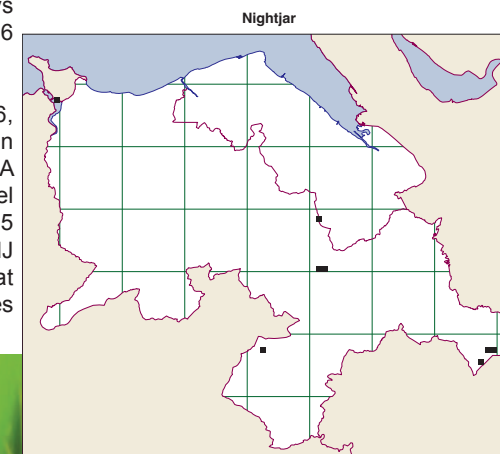
Nightjar *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Scarce breeding summer visitor to conifer plantations.

TROELLWR MAWR

Flints. "Probable" breeding at Nercwys Forest, with 2 on 8/06 and 1 on 15/06 (JmHu, TBT) the only records.

Denbs. Present from 22/05 to 7/06, followed by a high count of 8+ birds on Ruabon Mountain on 22/07 (JmHu). A passage bird perched on a plastic model heron at RSPB Conwy on 22/05 accounted for 16 of the 21 records (AHJ and many obs). "Probable" breeding at Fenn's Moss with at least 2 churring males (MaG, GeT).



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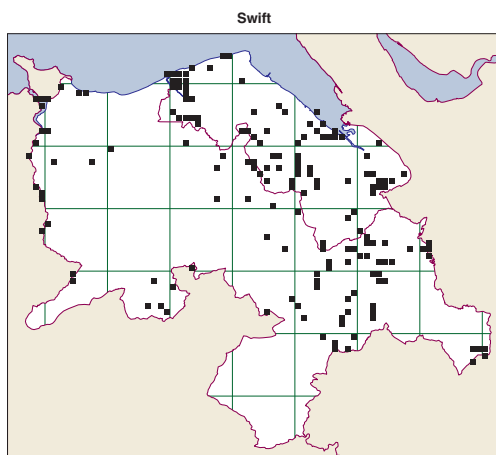
Swift *Apus apus*

Common but decreasing summer visitor.

GWENNOL DDU

Flints. 146 records from 2/05 to 23/08 with breeding proven at Abermorddu (JmHu) and “probable” at Afonwen and Caerwys (AB). Max 133 “drifting west with mixed flock of House Martins” at Bagillt on 8/08 (GRMP).

Denbs. 247 records between 25/04 and 22/08. High counts of 150 at Conwy RSPB on 22/05 (AHJ) and 60 at Fenn’s Moss on 8/07 (RHa). Nesting was confirmed at several sites in Wrexham and in a disused chapel at Ysbyty Ifan.



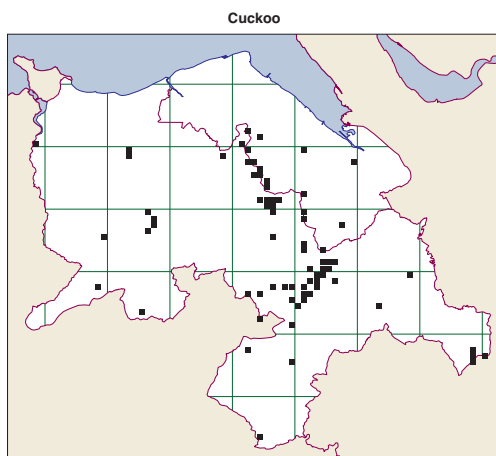
Cuckoo *Cuculus canorus*

Fairly common summer visitor to upland areas.

COG

Flints. 30 records from 15/04 to 15/08, with max 3 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW) and Lake Cyfynwy on 31/05 (SD). No confirmed breeding but a juvenile was seen at Bagillt on 15/08 (GRMP). One was mobbed by 5 Meadow Pipits while perched on a fence at Penycloddiau on 4/06 (GEM).

Denbs. All 139 records were between 10/04 and 22/06 [both dates at Fenn’s Moss; RHa], except for a late record at Nant-y-Ffrith on 1/08 (SD). No evidence of breeding beyond “permanent territory”. Max. 4 at Worlds End on 12/05 (JmHi) and at Horseshoe Pass on 6/06 (JmHu, TBT).

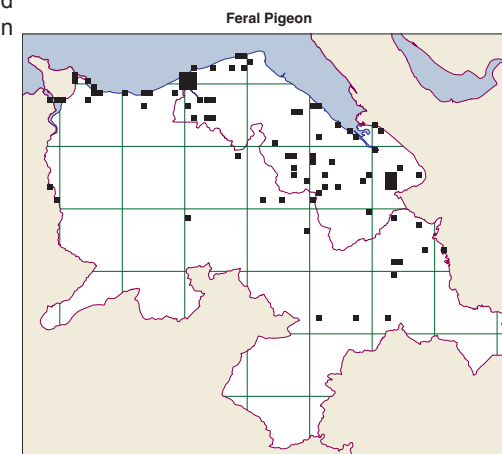


Rock Dove / Feral Pigeon *Columba livia*
Locally common breeding resident.

COLOMEN Y GRAIG

Flints. 397 records with no confirmed breeding and max. 51 at Rhyl Brickworks on 29/10 (JHi).

Denbs. 328 records with no confirmed breeding. Max 145 at Clwyd estuary on 13/10 (JHi).



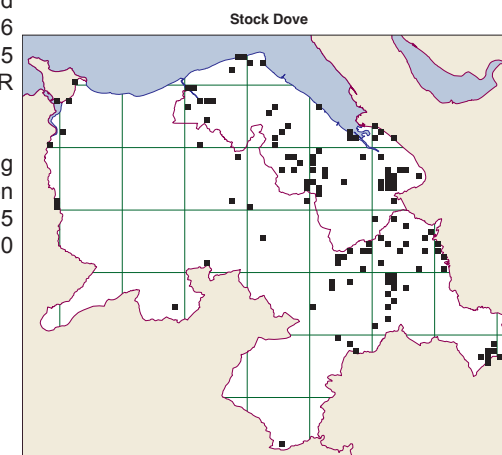
Stock Dove *Columba oenas*

Common breeding resident.

COLOMEN WYLLT

Flints. 215 records, but no confirmed breeding. All the highest counts of 44-76 came from J31 of the A55 between 7/05 and 14/05 (AHJ, KBr). Connah’s Quay NR had 40 on 28/08 (PSH).

Denbs. The only confirmed breeding among 192 records was at Glyn Arthur on 19/05 (RHa). The highest counts were 15 at Hampton Bank on 12/02 (DaHa) and 10 at Gresford Flash on 9/01 (DuH).



Woodpigeon *Columba palumbus*

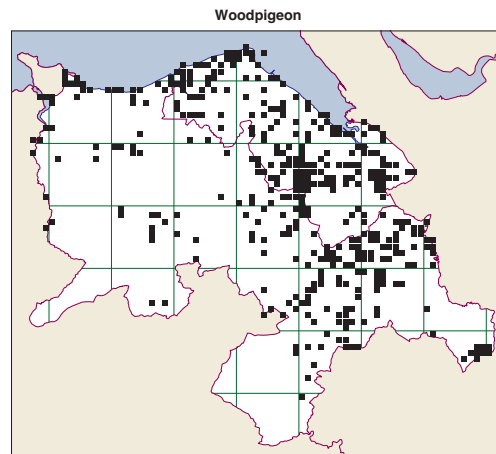
Abundant breeding resident..

YSGUTHAN

Flints. 1,411 records with breeding confirmed at Rhyl Brickworks (AHJ) and Rhydymwyn (MD). Max 149 at Rhyl Brickworks on 7/12 (JHi).

Denbs. Of 1,344 records, only one of confirmed breeding and two of nest-building – remarkable for a species that hardly ever stops breeding. The highest count was a rather modest 185 on

19/11 on the Clwyd estuary.

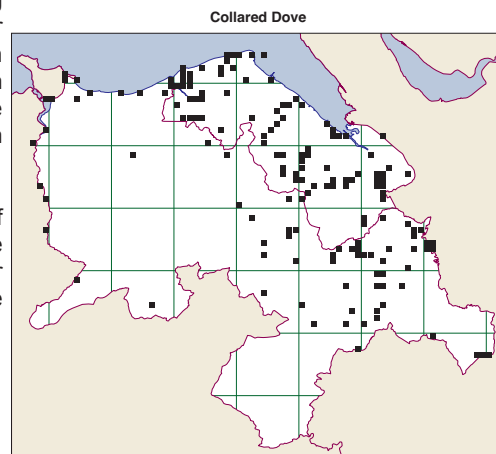


Collared Dove *Streptopelia decaocto*
Common breeding resident in towns and villages.

TURTUR DORCHOG

Flints. 635 records with breeding confirmed at Queensferry where a pair raised 2 broods on an old satellite dish (DWin). Max 32 at Rhyl Brickworks on 16/11 (JHi) and 26 perched on a single telegraph wire at Fforest Farm Cilcain on 4/10 (GEM).

Denbs. 288 records, but none of confirmed breeding submitted. The highest counts were 26 at Sontley near Erddig on 14/12 (JmHu) and 27 on the Clwyd estuary on 18/11 (JHi).

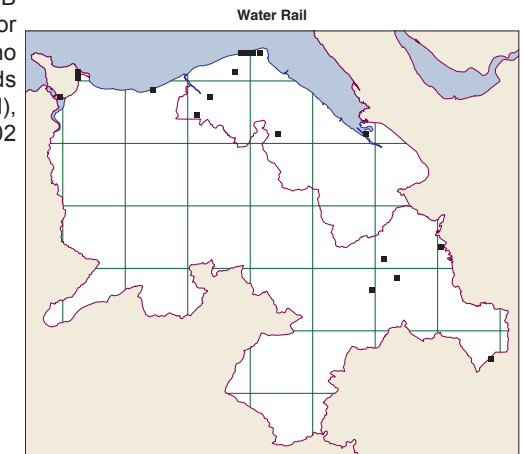


Water Rail *Rallus aquaticus*
A very scarce breeding resident and winter visitor.

RHEGEN Y DWR

Flints. 37 records, 28 of which were from Gronant where breeding was suspected (WRM; Max.3) but not confirmed. Records outside the breeding season from Big Pool Wood (KS, 19/09; AdBr, 20/09), Ysceifiog (MV, 8/03-3/04), Gwaenysgor (PeJ, 22/03), Rhuddlan (SH, 6/01) and White Sands (GrJ, 24/02 and 30/12).

Denbs. 53 records, nearly all from RSPB Conwy (up to 3 birds), Fenn's Moss or Erddig, but none during May-July and no confirmation of breeding. Other records from Llandrillo-Yn-Rhos on 29/01 (WRM), Stryt Las (Wrexham) on 9/02 and 29/02 and from Holt on 3/03 (NF).

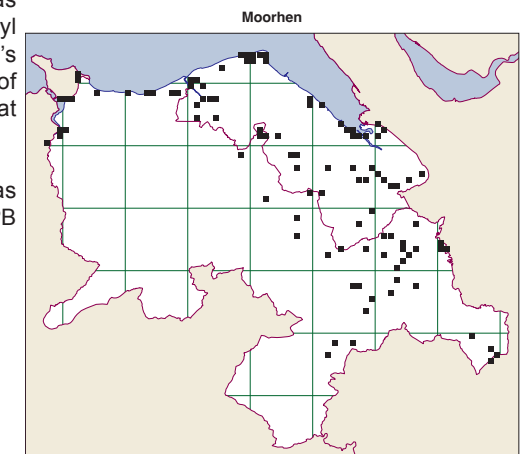


Moorhen *Gallinula chloropus*
A common resident in all wetland locations.

IAR DWR

Flints. 683 records. Breeding was confirmed at 9 wetland locations (Rhyl Brickworks, Nannerch Fishery, Connah's Quay NR, Ysceifiog, Rhuddlan, Point of Ayr, Gronant and St Asaph). Max 21 at Greenfield on 27/01 (MV).

Denbs. 575 records. Breeding was confirmed at 9 locations, including RSPB Conwy with the highest count of 20.

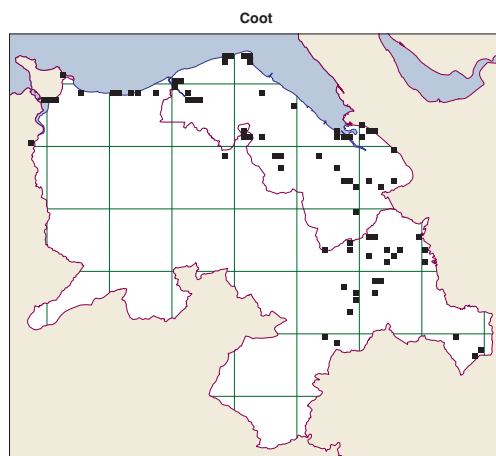


Coot *Fulica atra*
A common resident in wetland locations with open shallow water.

CWTIAR

Flints. 677 records. Breeding was confirmed at 12 locations. Max 87 at Ysceifiog on 25/10 (MV) and 75 at Rhyl Brickworks on 3/12 (JHi).

Denbs. 588 records. The highest counts were 100+ at Chirk Castle (CTw) and 63 at Hanmer (DaHa). Breeding was confirmed at 17 locations, including public parks.



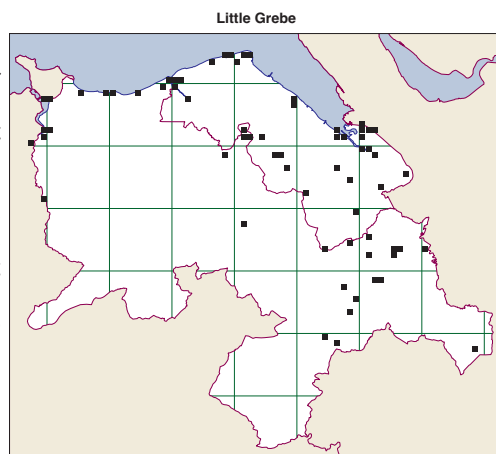
Little Grebe *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

A common breeding resident on freshwater bodies of all sizes.

GWYACH FACH

Flints. 463 records with breeding confirmed at Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere (Flints) on 16/07 (2 broods: CEW), Ysceifiog Lake, Shotton Papermill, Star Crossing Pool, Maes-Mynan, Connah's Quay NR, Rhyl and Gronant. Max. 33 at Shotwick Lake on 30/12 (GrJ).

Denbs. 548 records. Breeding was confirmed at RSPB Conwy, Llanddulas Quarry, Erddig, Bodnant and Acrefair, but singles and pairs were widely reported. Max. 26+ at RSPB Conwy on 5/08 (WRM).



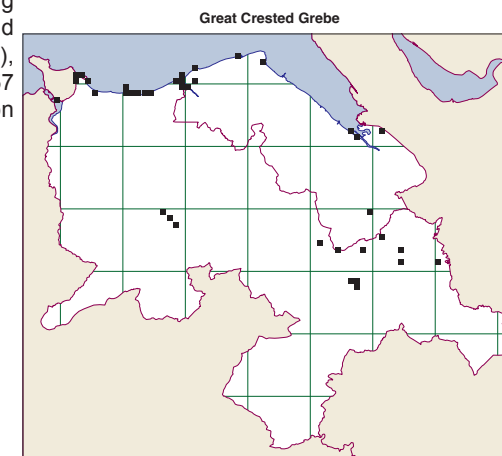
Great Crested Grebe *Podiceps cristatus*

An uncommon nesting bird on larger freshwater bodies and common winter visitor to sea and tidal waters.

GWYACH FAWR GOPOG

Flint. 298 records with breeding confirmed at Rhyl Brickworks Pool (AHJ, WRM, RiE, JHi). Max. 12 at Connah's Quay NR on both 6/11 and 7/11 (PSH).

Denbs. 165 records with breeding confirmed at Llay and Brymbo (SD) and display observed at Is-y-Coed (NF), Cyfynwy and Ty Mawr (SD). Maximum 57 on the sea at Llanddulas-Pensarn on 24/12 (JHg)



Black-necked Grebe *Podiceps nigricollis*

Occasional winter visitor.

GWYACH YDDFDDU

Denbs. One was found on the Abergele-Llanddulas WeBS count on 15/03.

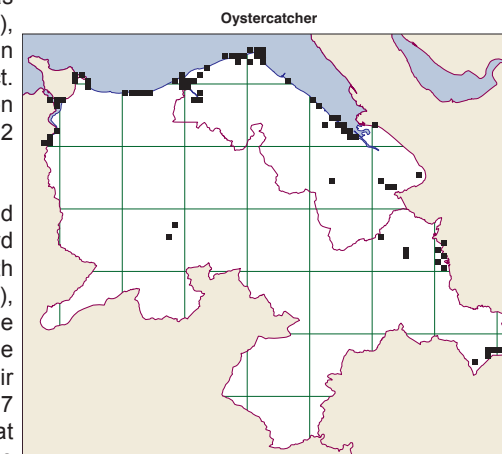
Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

A scarce breeding resident and abundant winter visitor.

PIODEN FÔR

Flints. 337 records. Breeding was confirmed at Point of Ayr on 17/06 (NDR), Gronant on 23/06 (BaDa) and Rhuddlan on 20/06 (WRM). Max 10,000 on the Oct. WeBS count at Point of Ayr and 5,600 on the Dee estuary at Walwen on 3/02 (GRMP).

Denbs. RSPB Conwy had 2 occupied nests in May (WRM). A nest on the Clwyd estuary disappeared after dredging with heavy machinery in early June (WRM), but a pair with 2 young was seen a little further downstream on 13/06 (JHi), the only successful fledging reported. A pair was displaying at Gresford Flash on 6/07 (FrL). The highest counts were 147 at RSPB Conwy on 19/09 (KBr), 368 on the Clwyd estuary on 22/10 (JHi) and 450 flying along the coast at Horton's Nose on 13/04 (GEM).



Oystercatcher	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Ffynongroyw	802		150	2000	1500	2000	1500	3500		1200	1200	4000
Flint Marsh			18	78	47		97	365	375	242	425	375
Walwen				335	350	325	760	1305	1075	1727	40	1242
Mostyn Dock	2628		953	43	25	12	50	30		40	800	700
Point of Ayr	4500		2500	1200	1200	100	450	6000		10000	5000	4000
Clwyd Estuary				180				275			300	51
Conwy Est			19		11	11	83	140	181	140	176	197
White Sands				4	4		42		700	4	2500	
Oakenholt			50	28	12	7	14	300	70	80	120	15

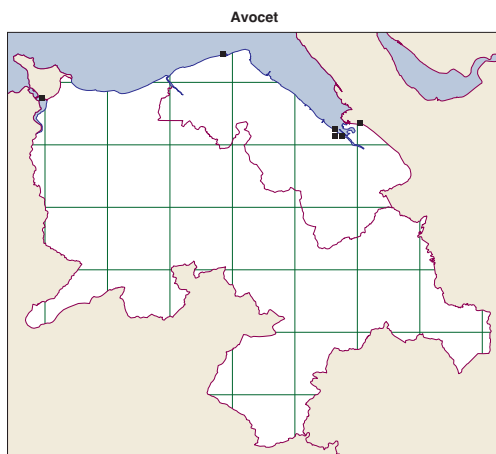
Avocet *Recurvirostra avosetta*

A very local breeding resident and very scarce passage migrant.

CAMBIG

Flints. 141 records. At RSPB Burton Mere (Flints), 28 pairs raised 36 young (GrJ). Apart from 1 at Gronant on 28/05 (DaShe), all other records were from Connah's Quay NR where a pair raised 3 chicks on the fly ash lagoon (many obs). This is first time that avocets have nested successfully on the Welsh side of the river Dee. Max. 15 at Connah's Quay NR on 29/08 (PSH). Present mainly from 4/04 to 3/09, but 1-2 birds stayed until 19/12 (PSH).

Denbs. Two at RSPB Conwy on 5/06 was the only record (JHi, WRM).



Avocet (Peter Haslem)



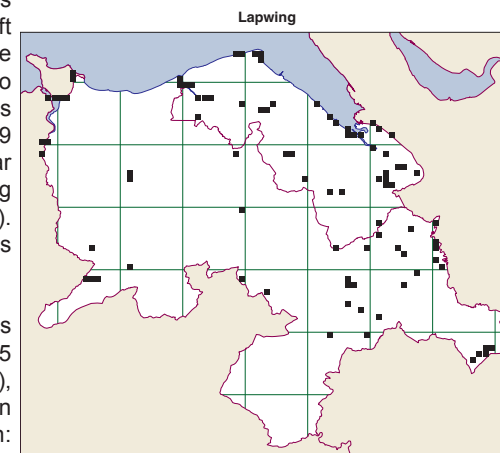
Lapwing *Vanellus vanellus*

A declining breeding resident and abundant winter visitor.

CORNCHWIGLEN

Flints. 362 records. Breeding was confirmed at Beeches Farm, Sandycroft on 2/07 (TP). An adult and juvenile were at Star Crossing Pool on 27/06, but no chicks seen (GEM). Courtship displays were seen near Rhuddlan (RiE), near J29 of the A55 (AHJ) and at Pentrehobin near Mold (AB). 1-2 were seen 4 times during 21/04-17/05 near J31 of the A55 (KBr). The highest winter was 2,000 at Connah's Quay NR on 13/11 (PSH).

Denbs. 457 records. Nesting was confirmed at 4 locations: at Llay on 3/05 (SK, SD), near the Dee at Is-Y-Coed (HC), near Pen-Y-Cae (JHg) and at TalYCafr near LLanrwst (nest with young seen: JHg). Courtship display with 4 birds was recorded near Ysbyty Ifan on 16/05 (JHg). All the high counts came from the Clwyd estuary with 6 counts over 1000 and a maximum of 1987 on 7/02 (JHi).



Lapwing	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR							13	80	62	100	90	90
RSPB Oakenholt							22	100	32	16	32	1200
Point of Ayr	600	81	810							84	375	1207
Clwyd Estuary								20			115	800
Conwy Estuary							17	8	18	4	53	131

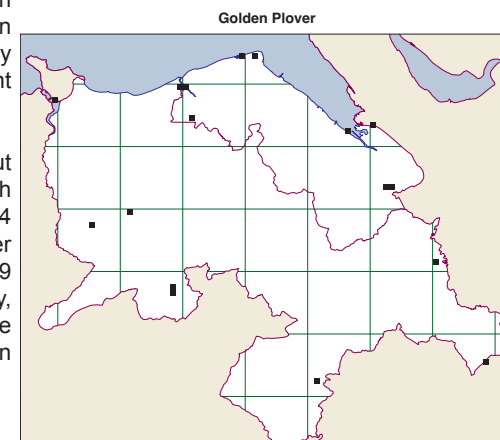
Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

A very rare upland breeder and uncommon winter visitor.

CWTIAD AUR

Flints. 16 records. Max. 12 at St Asaph on 15/02 (SH). Also recorded Broughton (max. 9 on 10/01; AHJ), Connah's Quay NR (max. 5 on 24/09; PSH) and Gronant (max. 4 on 21/09).

Denbs. No nesting records received, but there were records from the Denbigh Moors of 2 on 31/03 and 55 on 19/04 (SGD). Otherwise there were only winter records up to 17/02 and from 19/09 onwards, mainly from the Clwyd estuary, which had a high of 18 on 7/02 (JHi). The only record from the Berwyns was of 11 on 25/11 (PeDa).

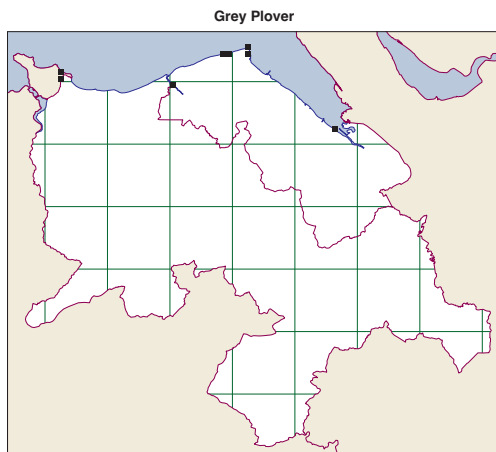


Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*
An uncommon winter visitor.

CWTIAD LLWYD

Flints. 27 records. Max 65 at Gronant on 19/11 (WRM). Also recorded Connah's Quay NR (max. 10 on 20/10; PSH) and Point of Ayr (max. 20 on 3/01; SK).

Denbs. Only 5 records: 4 counts of 1-2 from the Clwyd estuary between 14/01 and 25/04 and a high count of 6 somewhere near Rhos on 1/01 (JHg).

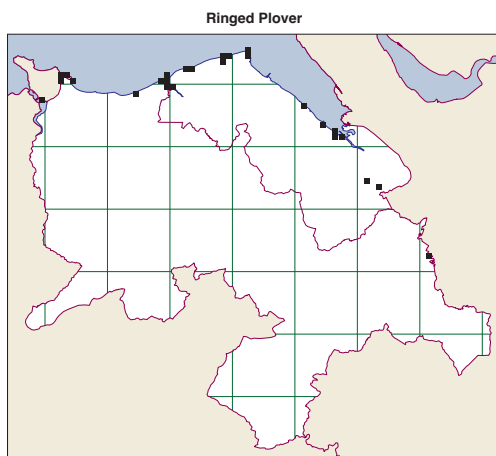


Ringed Plover *Charadrius hiaticula*
A rare breeding resident and fairly common passage migrant and winter visitor.

CWTIAD TORCHOG

Flints. 96 records with breeding confirmed at Gronant (WRM, RiE, BaDa, JmHu) and Point of Ayr (GrJ). Max 90+ at Gronant on 21/09 (WRM). Also recorded at Connah's Quay NR (max. 14 on 23/08, PSH), Flint (max 14 on 04/01, GRMP) and Rhyl Splash Point (13 on 22/11, RiE).

Denbs. Records throughout the year along the coast but no evidence of nesting. The highest autumn count was on the Clwyd estuary with 220 alongside smaller numbers of Dunlin on 23/08 (WRM). Inland, there were 3 near the Dee south of Holt on 1/06 (JmHu, TBT).



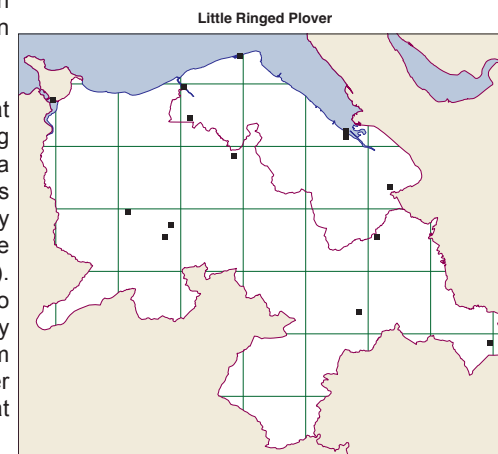
Little Ringed Plover *Charadrius dubius*
A very scarce breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.

CWTIAD TORCHOG BACH

Flints. 29 records. Two pairs nested at St Asaph, one pair raising 3 chicks (WRM). One pair fledged 2 chicks at RSPB Burton Mere (Flints) (GrJ). There were 2 at Connah's Quay NR from

27/06 to 18/07 (PSH), 2 at Gronant on 07/07 (WRM) and 1 at Maes Mynan on 18/04 (KBr).

Denbs. There was a nesting attempt at Aled Isaf where an adult was seen fending off Common Sandpipers and Canada Geese on 17/06 (WRM) and a pair was present with a 3rd bird calling at nearby Llyn Brenig on 21/04 (WRM). A pair were displaying at Lleweni on 10/05 (JHi). Nearly all records were from 29/03 to 30/06, with a late record at RSPB Conwy on 17/09 (AtG). There were 2 at Llay from 30/03 to 14/04 (KS, SD, FLi) and further spring passage records from pools at Acrefair and Fenn's Moss.



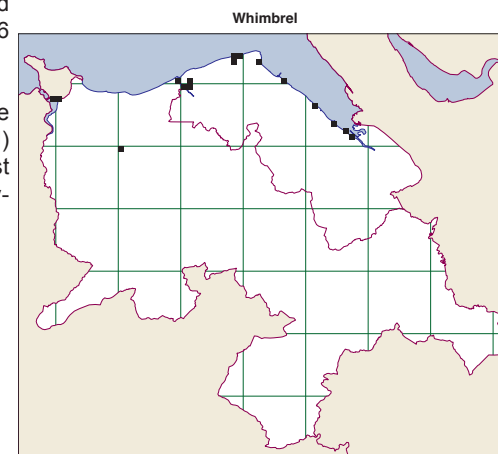
Whimbrel *Numenius phaeopus*

Uncommon but regular passage migrant.

COEGLFINIR

Flints. 36 records between 18/04 and 12/09 along the coast and estuary. Max 26 at Connah's Quay NR on 28/04 (PSH).

Denbs. All 83 records were from the Clwyd estuary (max 21 on 12/05; AHJ) and RSPB Conwy. Present in most months, but mainly April-May and July-Sep.



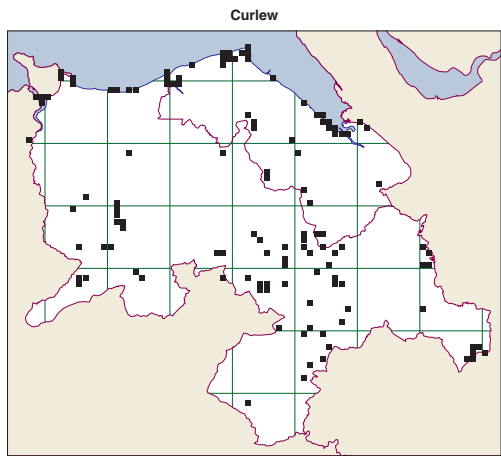
Curlew *Numenius arquata*

Uncommon breeding resident and common winter visitor to wetlands.

GYLFINIR

Flints. 299 records throughout the year. No confirmed breeding but flight displays were seen near Caerwys on 11/04 (MV) and at Moel Llys-y-Coed/Cilcain on 23/04 and 6/05. In winter, max 350 feeding on flooded fields at Bagillt on 22/01 and 2/02 (GRMP).

Denbs. Confirmed breeding at Is-y-Coed (2 pairs fledged 4 chicks: Sandra Hines) and codes for probable breeding from 8 locations: Denbig moors (2 sites: WRM, MAO), Ruabon moors (2 sites: JmHu), Berwyns (JuSh), Fenn's Moss (JmHu), Dee fields near Wrexham (HC), Cloy (JmHu) and near Ysbyty Ifan NT (JHg). 1-3 birds were present in the Llandegla moors area all summer (JaSh, SD). The highest count was 416 on the Clwyd estuary on 1/01 (JHi), while RSPB Conwy had a maximum of 228 on 24/02 (JHi).



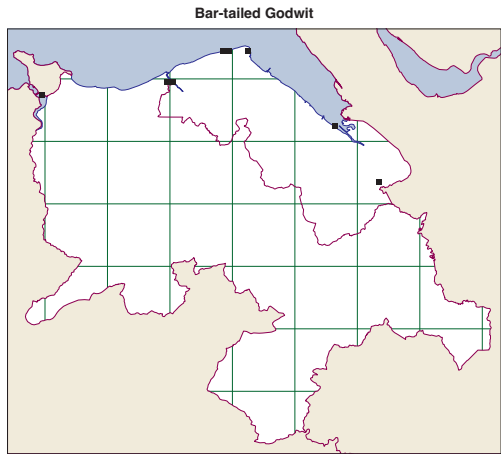
Curlew	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			35	121				1	3	1	61	20
RSPB Oakenholt			40	6	5	6	34	33	30	16	18	22
Point of Ayr	380	258	810	700	40	100	1000	1200		1000	1068	912
Clwyd Estuary				36				91			93	35
Conwy Estuary			48				133	347	278	178	70	105

Bar-tailed Godwit *Limosa lapponica*
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.

RHOSTOG GYNFFONFRAITH

Flints. 48 records, up to 28/04 and again from 31/08 onwards. Max 20 at Connah's Quay NR on 24/09 (PSH) and 4 at Gronant on 19/11 (WRM).

Denbs. All 37 records were from the Clwyd estuary (max 5+ on 7/10; AHJ) and RSPB Conwy. All except 2 were from 21/08 to year end.

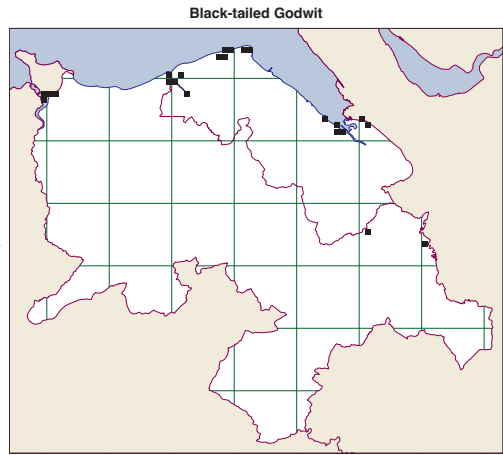


Black-tailed Godwit *Limosa limosa*
Abundant passage migrant and winter visitor.

RHOSTOG GYNFFONDDU

. 227 records (194 of which were from Connah's Quay NR) in all months of the year (but only 2 in May-June). Max. 4,000 at Connah's Quay NR on 13/09 (GEM), 450 at Point of Ayr on 10/10 (GRMP) and 394 at Gronant on 2/02 (JHi).

Denbs. All except 2 of the 242 records were from the Clwyd estuary (max 52 on 24/02; JHi) and RSPB Conwy. Present throughout the year. Away from the coast, there was one at Llay pool on 29/04 (KS) and 2 at Holt on 19/03 (NF).



Black-tailed Godwit	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR				48			490	15	48	10	1	
RSPB Oakenholt			5	100	1			1500	2000	1900	700	114
Point of Ayr	1800	155	1					100		210	36	435



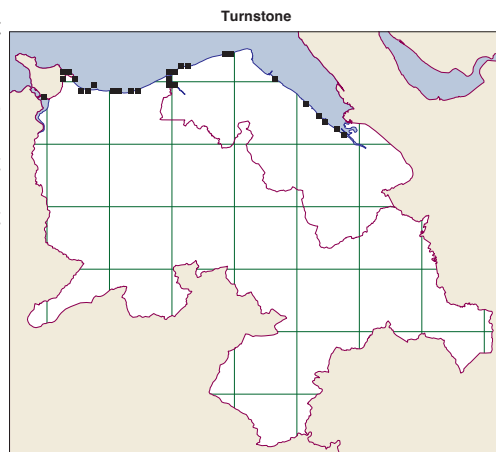
Black-tailed Godwit (David Eisner)

Turnstone *Arenaria interpres*

Very common coastal passage migrant and winter visitor.

Flints. 40 records, mostly the Dee estuary (max. 42 at Walwen on 3/02; GRMP), but also 8 at Rhyl Splash Point on 22/11 (RiE).

Denbs. Present along the coast up to 16/04 and again from 23/05 onwards. The highest counts were from the river at Horton's Nose with 346 on 10/10 (JHi) and 312 on 16/04 (GEM). The other main roost at Rhos Point had a high of 40+ on 11/10 (SK) and 15 at Rhyl Marine Lake on 25/02 (JHi).



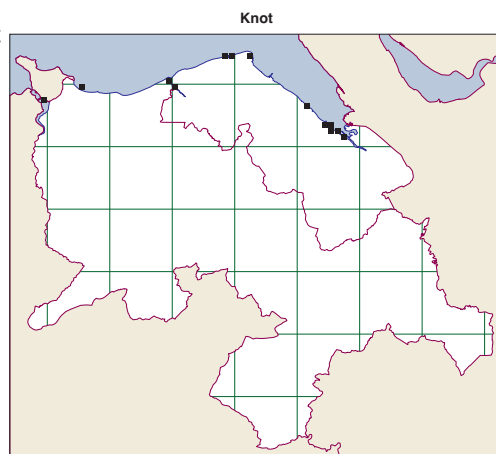
CWTIAD TRAETH

Knot *Calidris canutus*

An abundant winter visitor.

Flints. 58 records up to 30/03 and again from 11/07 onwards. Max 2,000 at Connah's Quay NR/RSPB Oakenholt on 10/10 (PSH). 200+ at Point of Ayr on 10/10 (TBT) and 22/10 (SD).

Denbs. All 19 records were from RSPB Conwy or the Clwyd estuary, mostly from 6/08 onwards and mostly 1-2 birds with a maximum of 7 on 18/08 (JHi).



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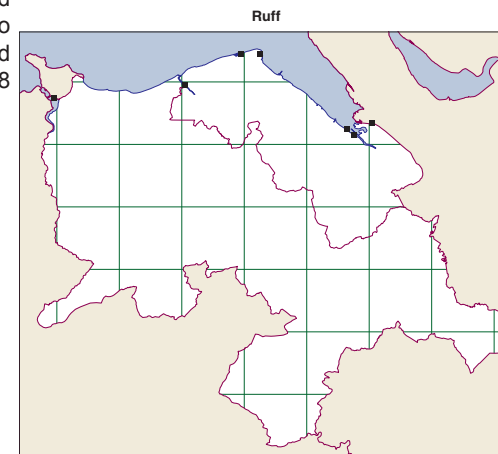
Ruff *Calidris pugnax*

A scarce, but regular, passage migrant.

Flints. 7 records. 2 at Gronant on 6/09 (WRM), 1-3 at Connah's Quay NR 5 times from 8/09 to 17/10 (PSH) and 1 at Point of Ayr on 10/10 (GRMP).

PIBYDD TORCHOG

Denbs. All 39 records were from the Clwyd estuary and RSPB Conwy (from 22/08 to 30/09) with a maximum of one male and three females on the estuary on 31/08 (WRM).



Curlew Sandpiper *Calidris ferruginea*

A scarce, but regular, passage migrant.

PIBYDD CAMBIG

Flints. One at Gronant on 16/09 (JJo) and 5 records of singles at Connah's Quay NR from 15/08 (JmHu) to 20/10 (PSH).

Denbs. A juvenile on the Clwyd estuary 31/08-02/09 (WRM, KBr) and one at RSPB Conwy on 25/09 (PJW).

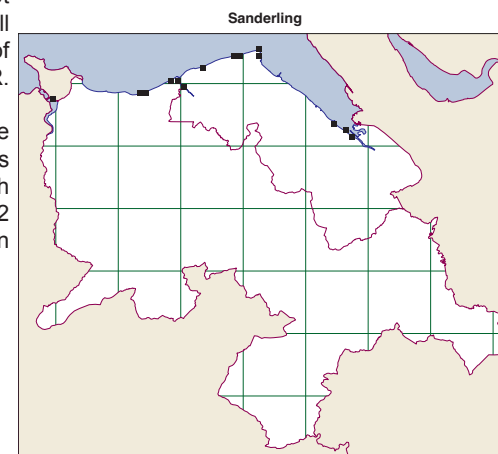
Sanderling *Calidris alba*

A fairly common non-breeding visitor to coastal beaches.

PIBYDD Y TYWOD

Flints. 30 records in all months except June. Max. 96 at Gronant of 2/02 (JHi). All records from the north coast except 4 of 1-2 birds at Flint and Connah's Quay NR.

Denbs. All 34 records were from the Clwyd estuary and North Coast beaches (up to 23/05 and from 8/08 onwards) with a maximum of 33 at Abergele on 27/02 (MAO) and 40 on the Conwy estuary on 7/11 (WeBS count).



Dunlin

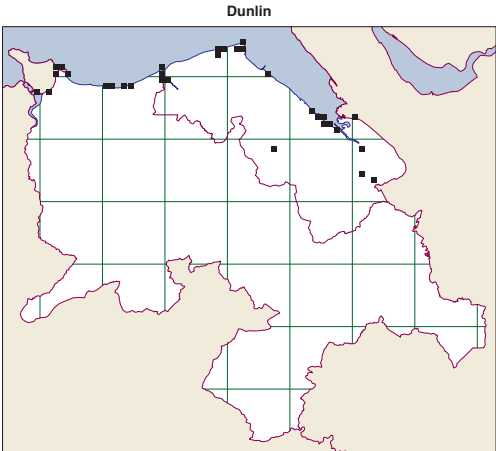
Calidris alpina

PIBYDD MAWN

An abundant winter visitor and passage migrant.

Flints. 176 records in all months (though only 6 in May/June). Max 4,500 at Flint on 16/01 (GRMP) and 2,500 at Connah's Quay NR on 4/12 (PSH). The only inland record (after a stormy night) was a flock of 5 feeding at the edge of Star Crossing pool on 4/05 (GEM), some in summer plumage.

Denbs. All 205 records were from the Clwyd estuary, RSPB Conwy and North Coast beaches throughout the year with a maximum of 723 on the estuary on 24/12 (JHi).



Dunlin	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
RSPB Oakenholt							40	3	10	49	2000	500
Point of Ayr	1000		200		300		7	450		30	650	1200
Gronant			131		18		250		135	235	450	426

Purple Sandpiper

Calidris maritima

PIBYDD DU

A very local, regular winter visitor.

Denbs. Recorded only on the rocks at Rhos Point in winter (up to 18/03 and from 18/11 onwards) with a maximum of 8 on 2/02 (WRM).

Little Stint

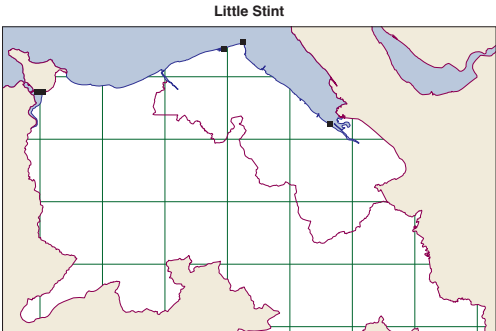
Calidris minuta

PIBYDD BACH

A scarce, but regular, passage migrant.

Flints. 5 records including 9 at Gronant on 21/09 (WRM), 5 at Connah's Quay NR on 6/09 (PSH) and 2 at Point of Ayr on 10/10 (JmHu).

Denbs. RSPB Conwy had 1-2 birds between 27/08 and 17/09 (many obs).



Woodcock

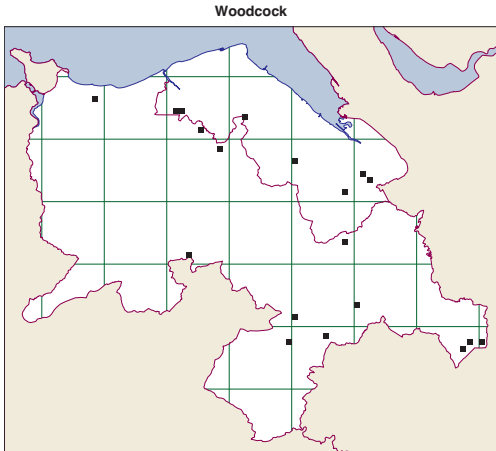
Scolopax rusticola

CYFFYLOG

Rare and declining breeding resident and uncommon winter visitor.

Flints. Winter records only (up to 28/02 and from 1/12 onwards)) with a maximum of 2 at Broughton on 17/01 (AHJ).

Denbs. Winter records only (up to 12/04 and from 28/10 onwards) with a maximum of 8 at Fenn's Moss on 4/03 (RHa).



Jack Snipe

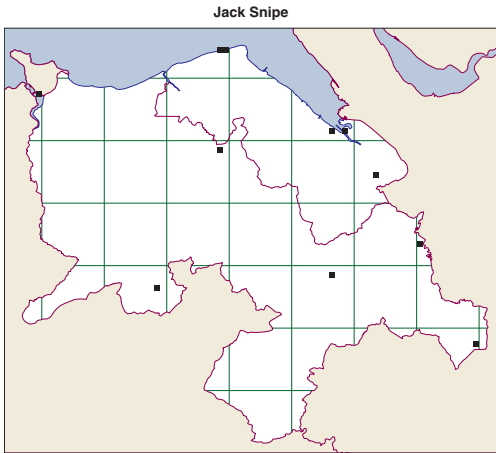
Lymocryptes minimus

GĬACH FACH

A scarce winter visitor.

Flints. Midwinter singles at Connah's Quay NR (23/11 and 25/11; PSH), Gronant (7/01; JHi), White Sands (27/01; GrJ) and Broughton (30/01; AHJ). Max 5 at Gronant on 12/11.

Denbs. Singles were recorded during 15/02-14/04 and 13/10-18/12 at RSPB Conwy, Fenn's Moss (RHa), Lleweni (JHi), Holt (NF), Cae Llwyd Reservoir (JmHu) and near Corwen.



Snipe

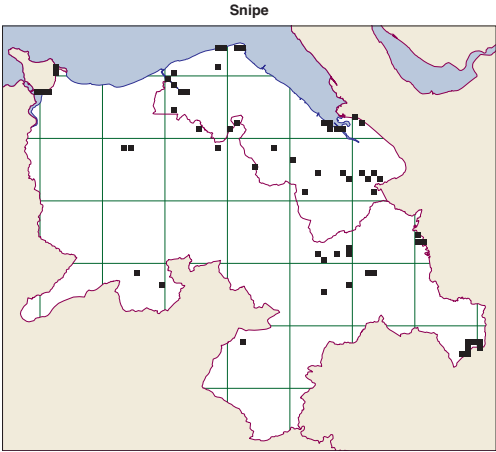
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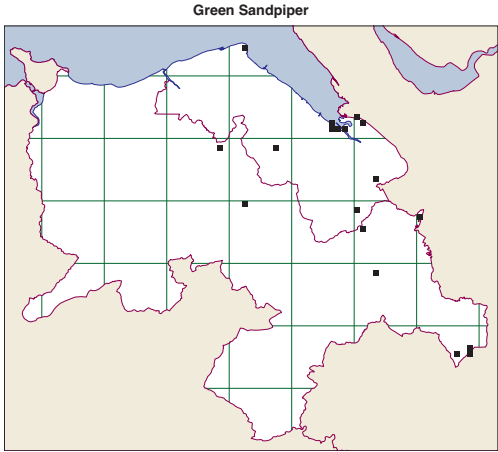
Rare upland breeding resident and common winter visitor.

Flints. 48 records up to 26/04 and again from 20/07 onwards. Max 24 at Connah's Quay NR on 24/09 (PSH).

Denbs. Nearly all of 185 records were from Fenn's Moss (with probable breeding on 3/06: MaG) or RSPB Conwy; throughout the year, but with most records from late August onwards. Evidence of probable breeding also at Worlds End on 14/05 (AB). Late April records from 2 areas of the Denbigh Moors were without a breeding code (SGD). The highest count was 35 at Holt on 13/01 (NF).

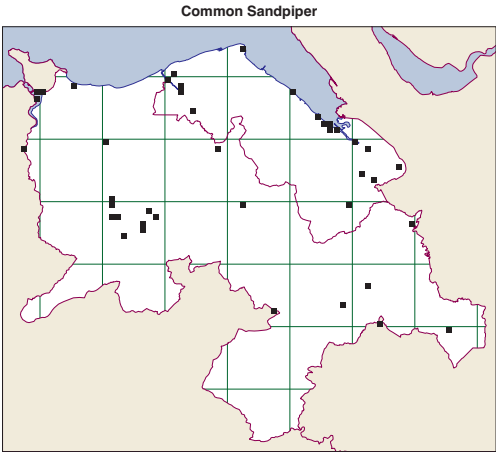


Denbs
1-2 birds recorded on passage and in winter at Ruthin Weir, Old Pulford Brook, Lleweni, Llay pool, Erddig, Holt and Fenn's Moss.



Common Sandpiper *Actitis hypoleucos* PIBYDD DORLAN
Scarce breeding upland resident and uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor.

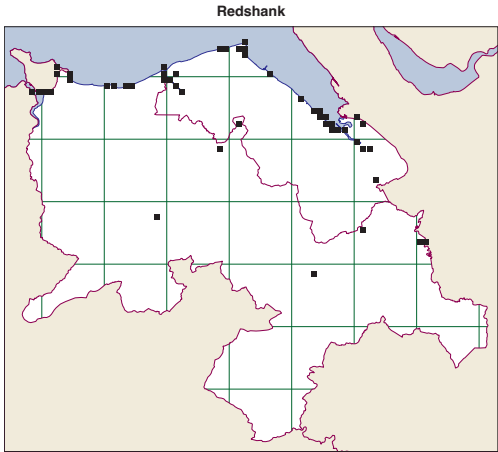
Flints. 59 records, max 5 at Rhyl Brickworks on 19/07 (AHJ). Most records at Connah's Quay NR of 1-3 birds between 27/06 and 19/09 (many obs). Most of the 12 records at Rhyl Brickworks were from 15/04 to 10/05 (AHJ, RiE). An over-wintering bird was at Flint Dock Gutter on 14/12 (CEW).



Denbs. Breeding was confirmed on 17/06 at two separate sites on the Denbigh Moors (WRM). The highest counts of 7 were on the Clwyd estuary on 21/04 (JHi) and 8/07 (RoE).

Redshank *Tringa totanus* PIBYDD COESGOCH
Abundant passage migrant and fairly common winter visitor.

Flints. 330 records throughout the year (229 from Connah's Quay NR). Max 4,000 at Connah's Quay NR on 4/09 (PSH), 1910 at Flint Point on 25/08 (GEM) and 350 at Point of Ayr on 10/10 (GRMP).



Denbs. The highest counts were: Clwyd estuary 421 on 7/02 (JHi); RSPB Conwy 388 on 6/11 (AtG); Horton's Nose 284 on 25/02 (JHi). Inland records of 1-2 birds at Llay, Llyn Brenig, World's End, Holt, Lleweni and Caerwys.

Green Sandpiper *Tringa ochropus* PIBYDD GWYRDD
Uncommon passage migrant and winter visitor, both inland and coastal.

Flints. 26 records, half of which were from Star Crossing Pool, which had 1 from 30/06 to 8/10 (GEM) with 2 present on 2/07. Shotwick Lake had 2 on 13/12 (JJo) and 1 on 27/01 (GrJ). White Sands on had 1 on 27/01 and 24/02 (GrJ).

Redshank	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Connah's Quay NR			40	12			1950	2000	2	500	180	5
Flint Mars			725	120	39		145	780	1750	255	410	12
Mostyn Doc	36		271	650			150	650				
Point of Ayr	173	13	250	7			40	5		100	500	205
Conwy Est			116				349	587	693	497	470	221
Oakenholt			120	100			200	2500	3000	1000	200	28

Wood Sandpiper *Tringa glareola*
Uncommon passage migrant.

PIBYDD GRAEAN

Flints. One at Border Pool, RSPB Burton Mere (Flints) on 15/09 (CEW) was the only record.

Spotted Redshank *Tringa erythropus*
Regular passage migrant and uncommon winter visitor.

PIBYDD COESGOCH MANNOG

Flints. All 115 records were from Connah's Quay NR, all except 6 from 24/06 until end of year. Only 5 spring passage records from 6/04 to 11/04, including 2 in full summer plumage (GRMP, JmHu). Max 19 on 8/09 (PSH).

Denbs. Only at RSPB Conwy with a maximum of 4 on 7/08 (KBr). Four spring records: 15/04-19/04 and 56 autumn records: 11/07-6/11.



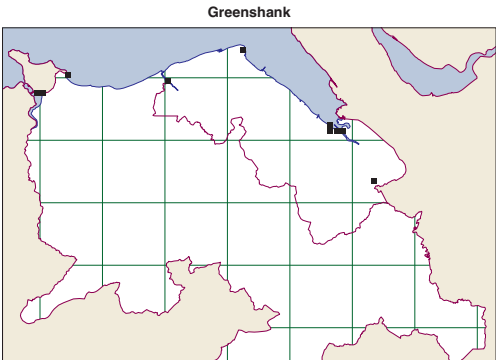
Spotted Redshank (Glenn Morris)

Greenshank *Tringa nebularia*
Regular passage migrant and uncommon winter visitor.

PIBYDD COESWYRDD

Flints. 137 records, all at Connah's Quay NR, except 5 at Point of Ayr. 13 spring passage records from 28/03 to 15/05. Autumn passage from 8/07 to end of year. Max 30 at Connah's Quay NR on 8/09 and 25/09 (PSH).

Denbs. Only at RSPB Conwy (max 7 on 6/11; AtG) and Clwyd estuary (max 7 on 19/09; WRM). Nearly all records from 25/06 to 29/11, but 1 on Clwyd estuary on 21/02 (JHi).

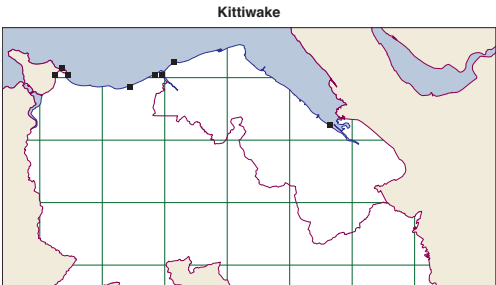


Kittiwake *Rissa tridactyla*
Very scarce, but regular, passage migrant.

GWYLAN GOESDDU

Flints. 3 records with max 4 at Rhyl seafront on 6/10 (JHi), 2 at Gronant on 16/09 (JJo) and 1 at Connah's Quay NR on 30/06 (PSH).

Denbs. The highest counts were 5 at Rhos Point on 31/01 (JHi) and 3/11 (TBT), with a 1st winter bird there on 12/09 (WRM). The only other records were singles at Horton's Nose on 17/01 and Kinnel Bay on 12/02 (both JHi).

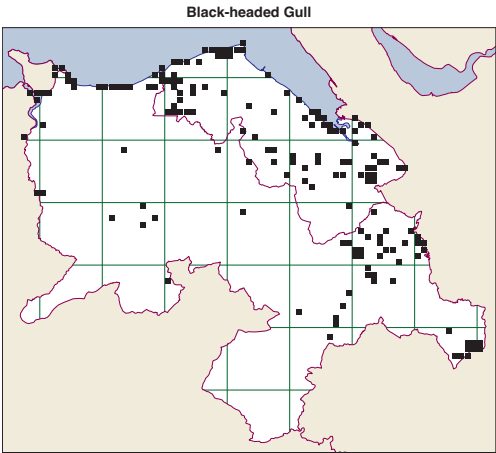


Black-headed Gull *Chroicocephalus ridibundus*
Uncommon breeding resident and abundant winter visitor.

GWYLAN BENDDU

Flints. 718 records. Max. 2400 in fields near Flint on 16/01 (GRMP). Breeding was confirmed only at Connah's Quay NR with 8+ downy young from several pairs on the fly ash lagoon on 10/07 (SD).

Denbs. Breeding confirmed only at Fenn's Moss with 8 nests on 27/05 (APe). The highest counts were from the Clwyd estuary with a maximum of 2210 on freshly-spread slurry on 24/02 (JHi).



BH Gull: WeBS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Shotton BSC				496	470	450	320	2				
RSPB Oakenholt			53		49	1000	900	1000	65	50	700	25
Point of Ayr		198	3				600	2000		56	137	279
Flint Marsh			40	52	30		180	1130	164	170	210	92
Conwy Estuary			65		23		775	791	692	206	592	245
White Sands				250	7	6	1200	750	80	150	300	

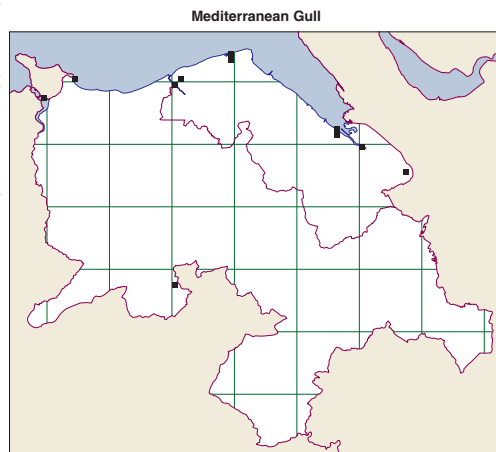
Mediterranean Gull *Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus*

GWYLAN MÔR Y CANOLDIR

Rare breeding resident and scarce but increasing post-breeding visitor.

Flints. 16 records, including 1-2 at Connah's Quay NR on 9 occasions from 23/06 to 24/07 and again on 27/10 (all PSH). One pair nested successfully at RSPB Burton Mere (Flints) (GrJ). Also recorded Shotton Railway Bridge (21/03: AHJ), Saltney Ferry (7/08: AHJ), Rhyl Brickworks (17/02: JHi) and 3 times at Gronant (25/09-13/10; WRM).

Denbs. There were 31 records of 1-2 birds up to 24/02 and again from 24/06, all from RSPB Conwy, the Clwyd estuary and Rhos.

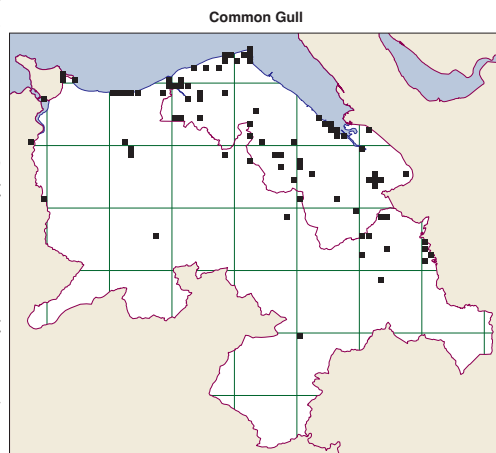
**Common Gull** *Larus canus*

GWYLAN GWEUNYDD

Abundant winter visitor and passage migrant.

Flints. 282 records (but only 5 in May-June). Max. 5000 roosting at dusk on the estuary between Flint Point and Bagillt on 14/12 (CEW). Max. inland count was 800 at Nannerch Fishery on 19/03 (GEM). Streams of birds can be seen flying into the hills to feed at dawn and returning to the estuary at dusk. WeBS data show that Gronant is a major daytime coastal location of this species in winter with 850 there on the count of 14/03.

Denbs. The highest counts were 700 at Burton Green (north of Llay) on 18/02 (FLi) and 662 on the Clwyd estuary on 14/01 (JHi). Present year-round, but few records in the summer months (May-July).

**Great Black-backed Gull** *Larus marinus*

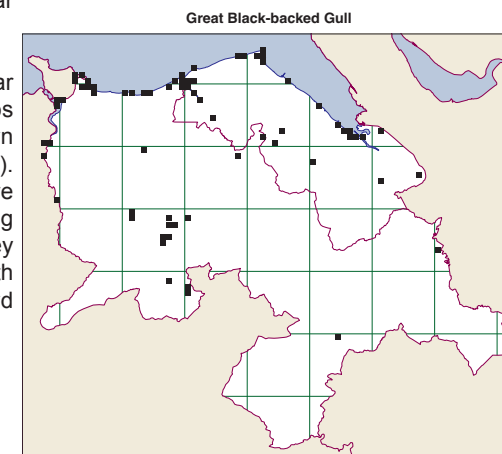
GWYLAN GEFNDDU FAWR

Uncommon breeding resident and common winter visitor.

Flints. 216 records, but no confirmed breeding. Max. 46 at Gronant on 25/10 and 9/12 (WRM). All records were coastal except 1 seen at St Asaph 8 times during Mar-Aug (JHi), 1 at

Rhydymwyn on 1/01 (MD) and 1 near Ysceifiog on 8/04 and 6/06 (both SK).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed near Rhyl [NWPS building: 1 nest] and Rhos [BT Openreach: 1 nest], and at Llyn Brenig [4 nests at 2 sites] (all WRM). Other nesting gulls at the Rhos site gave this nest a wide berth. One of Llyn Brenig pairs may have been using an old Osprey nest. The highest counts were 23 at both Horton's Nose on 25/02 and Clwyd estuary on 23/09 (both JHi).

**Iceland Gull** *Larus glaucoideus glaucoideus*

GWYLAN YR ARCTIG

Very scarce winter visitor.

Flints. 111 records, all except 1 from Rhyl Brickworks, where a juvenile was present from 1/01 to 14/04 (SK and many obs). The other was seen from the A548 near Oakenholt on 14/03 (SuHa).

Denbs. One at Kinmel Bay 27/03 to 30/03 (EB).

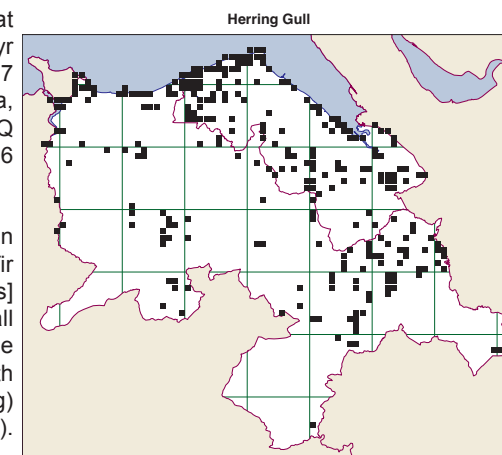
Herring Gull *Larus argentatus*

GWYLAN PENWAIG

Common breeding resident and abundant winter visitor.

Flints. 1047 records. Max 2500 at Gronant on 8/10 (WRM) and Point of Ayr on 22/08 (WeBS count). Roof nesting at 7 different sites in the Rhyl-Rhuddlan area, including 6+ nests on Rhuddlan B&Q (WRM), and in Mold town centre on 1/06 (GEM).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed on commercial buildings near Towyn [Tir Llwyd: 26 nests], Llanddulas [22 nests] and Rhos [BT Openreach: 17 nests] (all WRM) and at Llyn Brenig (WRM, SD). The highest counts were at coastal sites, with 2037 at Llanddulas beach on 12/12 (JHg) and 1342 at Horton's Nose on 17/12 (JHi).



Herring Gull	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Conwy estuary			80		56	108	473	125	215	81	88	103
Point of Ayr		157	4500	400		700	1000	2500		1547	1513	1515
Gronant			1333	637	1618	220	679	519	454	752	690	613

Yellow-legged Gull *Larus michahellis*
Uncommon.

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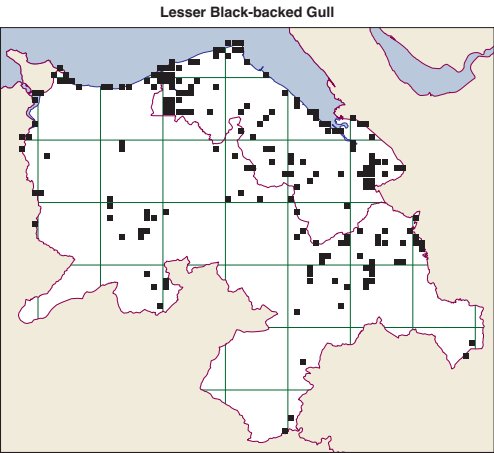
Denbs. Singles on the Clwyd estuary on 22/08 and 24/09 (AHJ).

Lesser Black-backed Gull *Larus fuscus*
Common breeding resident and very common winter visitor.

GWYLAN GEFNDDU FACH

Flints. 560 records, max. 100 at Connah's Quay NR on 22/08 (WeBS count) and 94 at Saltney Ferry on 21/08 (AHJ). Roof nesting was seen at Rhuddlan B&Q store (3+ nests) on 31/05 (WRM) and in Mold town centre on 1/06 (GEM). An adult was feeding 2 full-grown young at Flint Point on 25/08 (GEM).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed on commercial buildings near Towyn [Tir Llwyd: 5 nests], Rhyl [2 pairs] and Rhos [BT Openreach: 28 nests] (all WRM) and at Llyn Brenig (WRM, SD). The highest counts were at inland sites, with 160 at Holt on 30/05 (NF) and 120 on the Berwyns on 15/10 (JuSh).

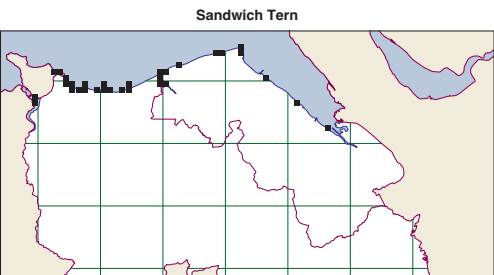


Sandwich Tern *Thalasseus sandvicensis*
Very common summer visitor along the coast.

MÔR-WENNOL BIGDDU

Flints. 33 records from 8/04 to 28/09 with max. 120 at Gronant on 22/07 (AHJ), 30 at Connah's Quay NR on 24/04 (PSH) and 25 at Point of Ayr on 17/08 (SK).

Denbs. The commonest tern along the coast with 103 records from 30/03 to 18/10 (mostly Apr-Sep) and a very late record of 2 at Rhos Point on 21/11 (AtG). The highest counts were in the Clwyd



estuary with 661 on 16/08 (AHJ) and a flock of 107 there on 15/07 included 25 juveniles (WRM).

Little Tern *Sternula albifrons*
Common, but very local, breeding summer visitor.

MÔR-WENNOL FACH

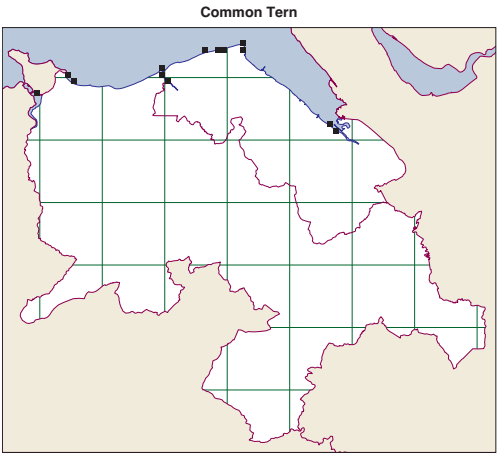
Flints. All the 52 records were from the Gronant nesting colony or nearby Point of Ayr. Max 380 on 3/06 (HC) and 500 on 8/07 (NT).

Common Tern *Sterna hirundo*
Common summer visitor on the Dee estuary, but scarce elsewhere.

MÔR-WENNOL GYFFREDIN

Flints. 55 records from 11/04 to 8/09 with max. 50 at Connah's Quay NR on 8/07 (PSH).

Denbs. Only 8 records from 13/04 to 8/09, with highest count of 4 at RSPB Conwy on 24/04 (KBr).



Arctic Tern *Sterna paradisaea*
Uncommon passage migrant.

MÔR-WENNOL Y GOGLEDD

Flints. One at Connah's Quay NR on 24/04 (PSH) and 1 at Gronant on 7/07 (WRM).

Denbs. Two records from the Clwyd estuary: 1 on 1/08 (WRM) and 2 on 10/08 (JHi).

Black Tern *Chlidonias niger*
Rare migrant.

CORSWENNOL DDU

Flints. One at Connah's Quay NR on 18/09 (PSH).

Arctic Skua *Stercorarius parasiticus*
Rare passage migrant on the coast.

SGIWEN Y GOGLEDD

Flints. One seen from Gronant Dunes on 16/09 (JJo).

Denbs. One seen from Horton's Nose on 22/08 (JHi).

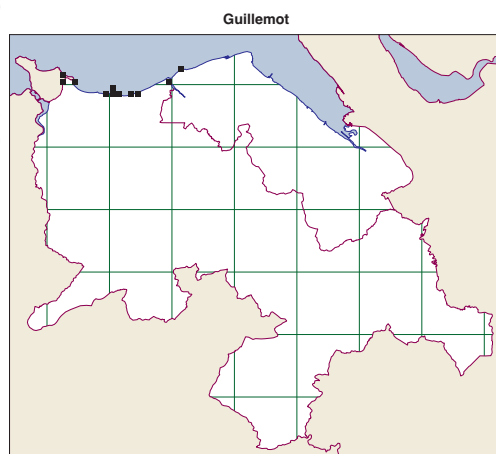
Guillemot *Uria aalge*

Uncommon winter visitor on the sea.

GWYLOG

Flints. One at Rhyl Splash Point on (AHJ) and one "moribund" on Rhyl seafront on 22/10 (JHi).

Denbs. Recorded 26 times on or near the sea up to 16/04 and again from 17/09 onwards.



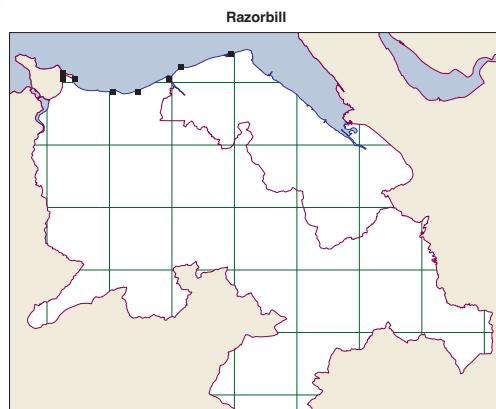
Razorbill *Alca torda*

Uncommon winter visitor on the sea.

LLURS

Flints. Four at Rhyl seafront on 6/10 (JHi) and 1 at Gronant on 6/09 (WRM).

Denbs. Only 4 records from 25/02 (Horton's Nose) to 15/04 (Rhos Point) with a high count of 10 off Llanddulas on 27/03 (EB).



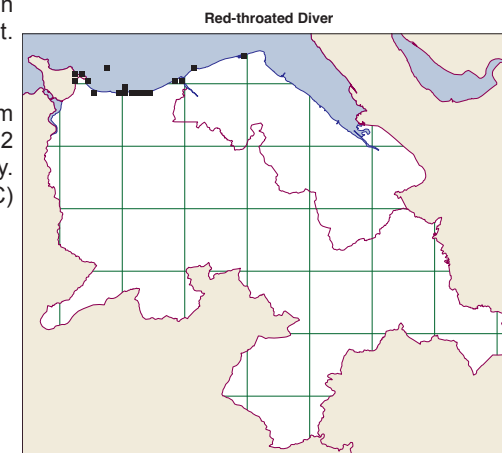
Red-throated Diver *Gavia stellata*

A fairly-common off-shore winter visitor.

TROCHYDD GYDDFGOCH

Flints. 11 records, up to 27/04 and again from 16/09, between Rhyl and Gronant. Max. 3 at Horton's Nose on 14/02 (JHi).

Denbs. 67 records, usually of 1-10, from 1/01 to 15/04 and from 4/10 to 28/12 between Rhos Point and Kinnel Bay. Max. at Llanddulas of 50 on 30/3 (EB,TC) and 61 on 12/12 (JHg).



Black-throated Diver *Gavia arctica*

A fairly-rare off-shore winter visitor.

TROCHYDD GYDDFDDU

Denbs. Single at Rhos on 20/11 (AtG).

Great Northern Diver *Gavia immer*

A fairly-rare off-shore winter visitor.

TROCHYDD MAWR

Denbs. Singles at Llanddulas on 4/03, 13/12 and 22/12, and at Rhos on 24/11 and 24-28/12.

Leach's Petrel *Hydrobates leucorhous*

An uncommon, but regular, passage migrant on the sea.

PEDRYN DRYCIN LEACH

Flints. One at Rhyl seafront on 6/10 (JHi).

Denbs. One at Abergel on 5/12 (AS).

Fulmar *Fulmarus glacialis*

ADERYN DRYCIN Y GRAIG

A common, but local, resident on cliffs near the sea.

Denbs. 21 records. Max. 18 on 18/4 and breeding (8 nests) confirmed on 13/06 at Llanddulas Quarry (WRM).

Manx Shearwater *Puffinus puffinus*

ADERYN DRYCIN MANAW

An uncommon, but regular, passage migrant on the sea.

Denbs. Two at Horton's Nose on 23/05 (JHi) and one at Abergele on 5/10 (AS).

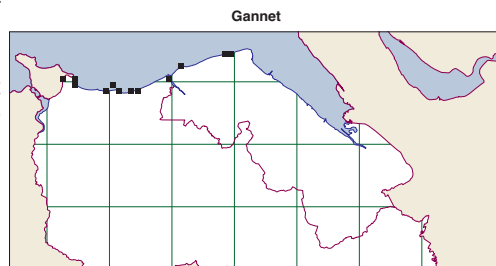
Gannet *Morus bassanus*

HUGAN

An uncommon, but regular, passage migrant on the sea.

Flints. 11 records from Rhyl to Point of Ayr. Max 6 at Gronant on 27/04 (JHi).

Denbs. 17 records, usually 1-6 present from 25/02 to 16/04 and from 4/08 to 22/11 between Rhos Point and Kinnel Bay. Max. 20 at Llanddulas on 27/03 (TC).



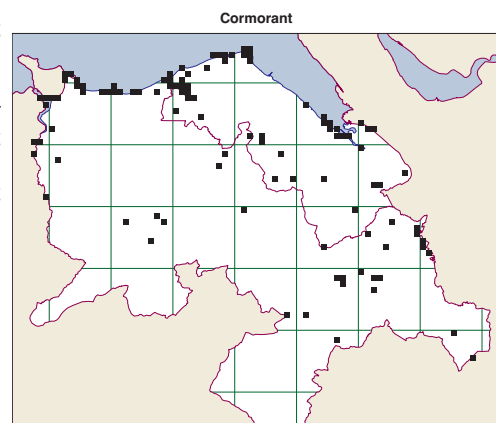
Cormorant *Phalacrocorax carbo*

MULFRAN

Common resident on coast and tidal waters; sometimes inland.

Flints. 472 records throughout the year, but no breeding records. Max 250 at Gronant on 9/12 (JHi).

Denbs. 604 records throughout the year but no breeding records. The highest count was 227 on 22/10 near the R. Clwyd at Rhyl (JHi). Elsewhere, the highest counts were 53 at Penmaen Rhos Jetty on 13/09 (AHJ) and 48 at Rhos Point on 15/04 and 21/12 (JHi).



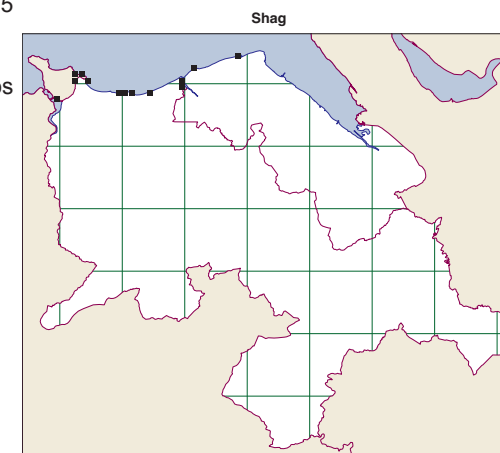
Shag *Phalacrocorax aristotelis*

MULFRAN WERDD

An uncommon winter visitor along the coast.

Flints. 2 records at Gronant on 28/05 (DaShe) and Rhyl on 6/10 (JHi).

Denbs. 33 records of 1-3 between Rhos Point and Kinnel Bay in every month.



Spoonbill *Platalea leucorodia*

LLWYBIG

A regular, but uncommon, visitor to the Dee estuary.

Flints. The max. of 3 birds were roosting on a flash on a wet grassland area of RSPB Burton Mere (Flints) on 17/05 (CEW). Single birds were present at Sealand Rifle Range on 21/04 (JmHu), at Connah's Quay NR on 11/07, from 3/08 to 29/08 and from 8/10 to 12/10 (PSH, JmHu).



Spoonbill (Glenn Morris)

Bittern *Botaurus stellaris*

ADERYN Y BWN

A rare visitor which may increase, given recent (2022) breeding at RSPB Burton.

Flints. One at Gronant on 28/05 (DaShe).

Squacco Heron *Ardeola ralloides*
A rare visitor on passage.

CRËYR MELYN

Flints. One was present at or near Big Pool Wood Reserve (Gronant) from 16/09 to 23/09 (many obs). Submission by AHJ et al accepted by WRBC.



Cattle Egret *Bubulcus ibis*
Rare visitor which may increase, given recent breeding at RSPB Burton.

CRËYR GWARTHEG

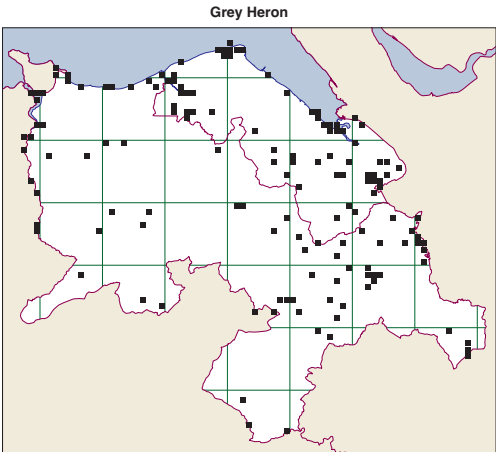
Flints. One near the B5129 at Kelsterton Farm on Deeside on 19/06 (SuHa).

Grey Heron *Ardea cinerea*
Common sight and fairly-common resident, breeding at a few sites.

CRËYR GLAS

Flints. 363 records (177 from Connah's Quay NR) with no evidence of breeding. Max. 14 at Connah's Quay NR on 21/09 (GEM) and 5/10 (PSH).

Denbs. 601 records. Breeding was confirmed at Tal-y-cafn with 6 nests, one with 2 young visible, on 26/04 (WRM) and at LLeweni with 5 nests with young visible on 14/06 and also the highest count of 24 on 21/06 (JHi). Up to 10 winter birds were seen near the R. Dee in the Holt area (NF, DuH). There were 372 widespread records of 1-2 birds, mainly in winter.

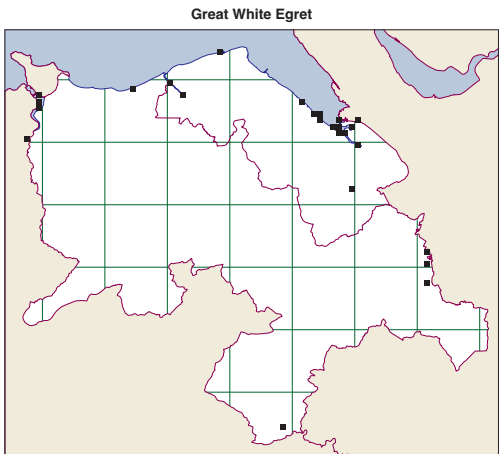


Great White Egret *Ardea alba*
Common on the Dee estuary, especially in autumn.

CRËYR MAWR GWYN

Flints. 160 records, all from Connah's Quay NR except singles at Gronant, Rhuddlan and Shotwick, plus 6 at Bagillt Marsh on 23/08 (IMS). Max 18 at Connah's Quay NR on 16/08 (PSH) and 23/08 (JmHu).

Denbs. 83 records, nearly all at RSPB Conwy (1-5 birds) 24/06-21/12. One was seen in the Dee valley near Holt on 16/01 (DuH), 23/03 (HeCar) and 7/04 (HC).

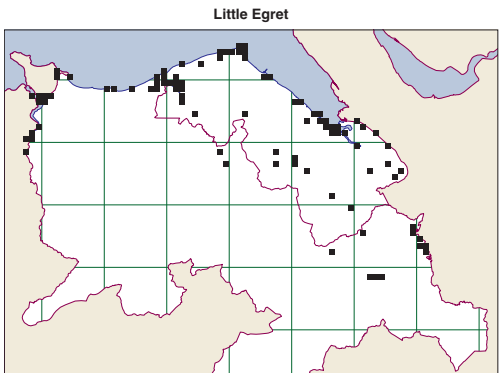


Little Egret *Egretta garzetta*
Common breeding resident near the coast and frequently seen inland.

CRËYR BACH

Flints. 380 records and breeding confirmed by an occupied nest at Point of Ayr (AtG, IMS, AB). Max 98 at Walwen Marsh on 22/08 (WeBS) and 97 at Bagillt Marsh on 23/08 (IMS).

Denbs. 503 records. Breeding was confirmed with 7 or 8 nests at Tal-y-cafn on 5/06 (WRM). The highest counts were 91 on the Conwy estuary on 22/08 (WeBS), 54 at RSPB Conwy on 8/08 and 34 on the R. Clwyd on 26/08 (JHi).



Little Egret: WeBS	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Bagillt				9	1	3	20	5	10	33	6	1
Walwen				14	3			98	7	45	3	1
Point of Ayr		1	6	10	10	40	33	20		29	15	12
Clwyd Estuary				3				29			1	2
Conwy Est					2	6	44	91	53	19	8	7
White Sands				2	2	4	2	10	8	15	11	
Oakenholt			1	1	2	6	32	60	5	7	4	2

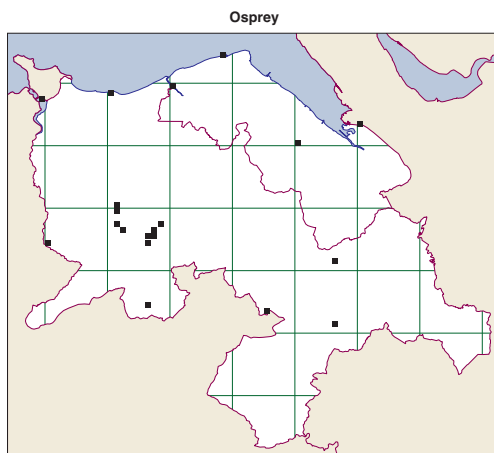
Osprey *Pandion haliaetus*

GWALCH PYSGOD

A rare breeding resident and passage migrant.

Flints. Singles at Halkyn on 30/04 (MGW), Gronant on 21/06 (MFG) and 1 at Point of Ayr on 16/07 (IWh).

Denbs. All 25 records were from 3/03 to 29/07. Nesting was attempted at Llyn Brenig, but the platform was destroyed by vandals with a chainsaw in early May. A replacement platform was erected but was occupied by a Greylag Goose. 16/22 records were from the same Denbigh Moors area. Spring migrants were seen at Llanddulas on 3/04 (EB), RSPB Conwy on 14/04, Kinmel Bay on 29/04 (AHJ), NWWT Minera on 10/04, Betws-y-Coed on 2/05 and Froncysyllte on 4/04. One was flying along the Dee valley from Craig-yn-Rhos towards Llangollen on 22/05 (IMS).



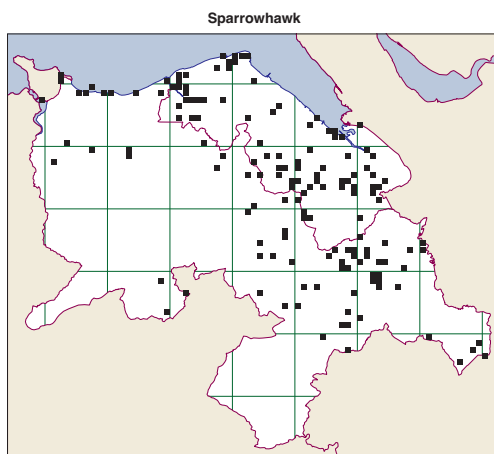
Sparrowhawk *Accipiter nisus*

GWALCH GLAS

A fairly common breeding resident in wooded areas. Also a frequent visitor to garden feeders mainly outside the May-Jul breeding season.

Flints. 216 records, but no confirmation of breeding submitted. Prey items noted were woodpigeon and great tit (JoBa). Max. 3 at Pantymwyn on 3/02 (GEM). There were also 178 Garden Birdwatch records.

Denbs. 149 records. The only confirmed breeding site was near Chirk where 3-4 young were fledged on 29/07 (NEa), but courtship display was seen in Wrexham City Centre (KS) and near Llanfyllin, where one was later seen taking a Spotted Flycatcher (JuSh). At Commonwood near Holt, one was chased away by 24 swallows (JmHu). Three birds together were seen at Erddig on 20/08 (JmHu) and Fenn's Moss on 10/06 (RHs). There were also 57 Garden Birdwatch records.



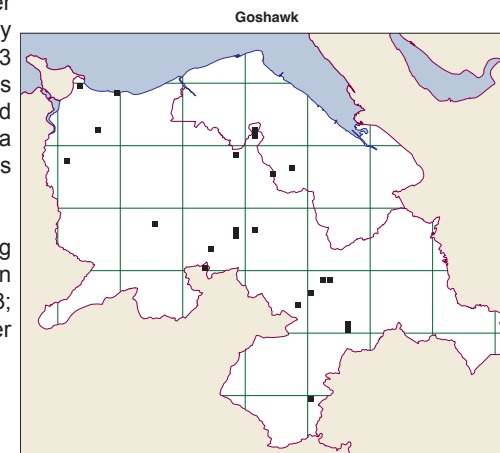
Goshawk *Accipiter gentilis*

GWALCH MARTH

A very scarce breeding resident, possibly increasing.

Flints. 18 records, all from the Chwiler valley area and 11 during the Mar-May period (KBr, MV, GEM), including 3 together on 21/03 (KBr). On 6/03, one was seen pursuing a woodpigeon back and forth above farm buildings for nearly a minute before following it into trees (GEM).

Denbs. 42 records, 28 of which during Feb-Apr. Only one record at a well-known site in Clocaenog Forest (2 birds on 21/03; NF), but spring records at 11 other potential nesting areas.



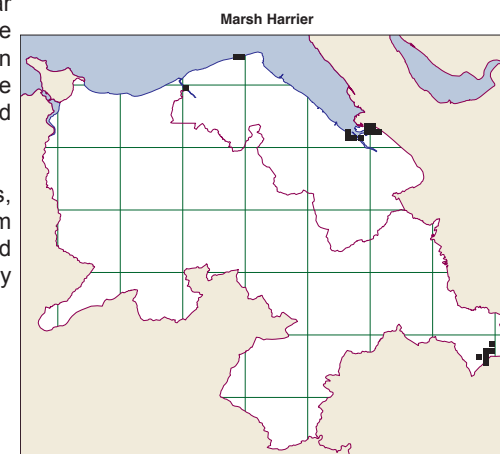
Marsh Harrier *Circus aeruginosus*

BODA'R GWERNI

Seen regularly on the inner Dee estuary and Fenn's Moss, but rare elsewhere.

Flints. 33 records throughout the year (since they nest on the English side of the Dee). Max 4 at Connah's Quay NR on 25/11 (PSH). 4 records at Gronant and the rest from the inner Dee estuary around Connah's Quay NR.

Denbs. 31 winter and passage records, nearly all of 1-2 birds at Fenn's Moss from 25/08 to 16/12 (RHs). Singles at Clwyd estuary on 10/08 (AHJ) and RSPB Conwy on 14/09 (AtG).



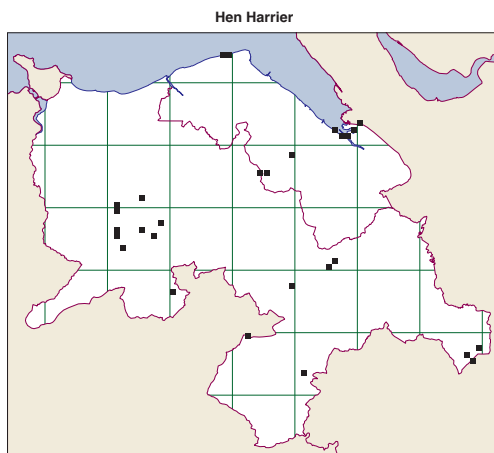
Hen Harrier *Circus cyaneus*

BODA TINWYN

A very scarce breeding resident in upland areas, an uncommon passage migrant and a winter visitor to the estuaries.

Flints. 18 winter records, mainly near the coast, up to 7/04 and from 23/09 onwards, 9 from Connah's Quay NR and 6 from Gronant, plus a passage ringtail at Moel Llys-y-coed on 8/09 (MB). A ringtail flew in front of a car at Moel Arthur on 7/04 (AB) and another was seen near Hendre Quarry on 12/03 (MGW).

Denbs. 46 records, 22 of which were during Apr-Aug. Two successful nests and "permanent territory" at a 3rd site in the Berwyns. There was another successful nest with 2 chicks at a different, undisclosed location. Male and female records in summer at Aled Isaf and other April/May singles at Llyn Brenig, Minera and Migneint.



Red Kite *Milvus milvus*

BARCUD COCH

Now more common and widespread, although numbers are still small.

Flints. 31 records, 27 of which were during Mar-Aug but no evidence of breeding. All singles, except for 2 at Penycloddiau on 24/04 (AHJ) and 16/05 (EdW) and at Marian Cwm near Dyserth on 28/07 (KBr). One was seen carrying prey to an oak tree near Hawarden on (AHJ) on 20/06. Records far from nesting habitat include Flint town centre on 22/04 (KBr) and Connah's Quay NR on 19/07 (PSH).

Denbs. 164 records from all months but no breeding evidence was submitted beyond "permanent territory". High counts of 15 near Llyn Brenig on 16/12 (BI) and 12 near Sycarth on 4/08 (AHan).

Buzzard *Buteo buteo*

BWNCATH

A common breeding resident.

Flints. 744 records with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn on 16/06 (IMS). Max 7 in the Chwiler Valley on 31/03 (SK). One was seen soaring with a Peregrine above Sainsbury's in Flint on 15/09 (GRMP).

Denbs. 905 records but breeding, although certainly widespread, was confirmed only at Vivod in the Berwyns (MAO). Nest building was seen at Llandrillo-yn-Rhos (WRM). The highest counts were of 9 feeding in a newly ploughed field near Sontley on 25/05 (JmHu) and at

Corwen on 13/07.

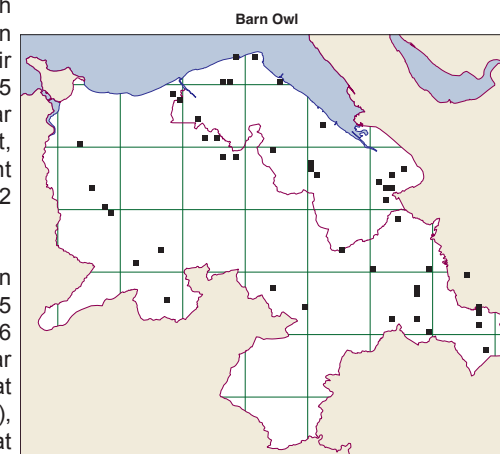
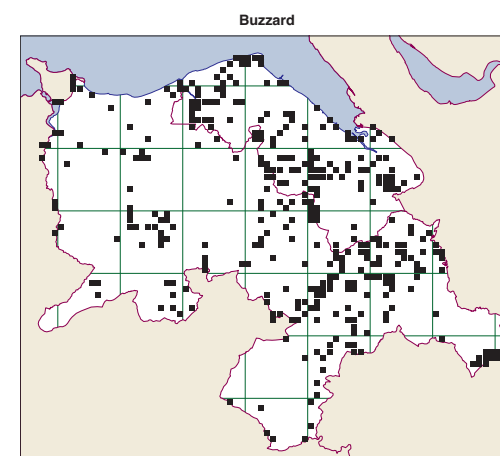
Barn Owl *Tyto alba*

TYLLUAN WEN

Scarce breeding resident.

Flints. 17 records at 9 locations with confirmed breeding at Rhydymwyn and in Broughton on 21/08 (AHJ) and a pair entering a nestbox near Flint on 6/05 (GRMP). Other summer records near Nannerch (MV), St Asaph and Trefnant, and winter records at Talacre, Gronant (WRM) and near Gwaenyngor 8/11-9/12 (PKe, PeJ).

Denbs. The only proof of breeding was an occupied nest at Lleweni (JHi). All 15 records were between 2/01 and 26/06; 6 were from Fenn's Moss and 3 from near Horseshoe Pass. Other winter records at Overton-on-Dee, Llandegla Moors (JaSh), the A5 near Llangwm and a pair seen at night near Trefnant on 27/01.



Little Owl *Athene noctua*

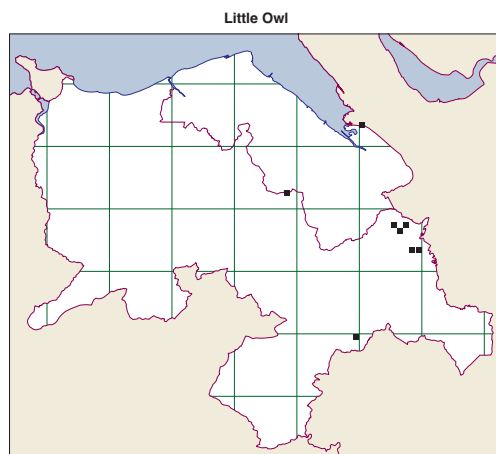
TYLLUAN FACH

Very scarce breeding resident.

Flints. Many records throughout the year at Burton Point only on the England-Wales border.

Denbs. A pair were seen at a likely nest site near Marford on 21/03 (KS), plus 4 records of singles between 28/02 and 11/04 near Holt (NF, JmHu, TBT) and 1 at Black Park, Chirk on

24/05 and at Wrexham on 13/06.



Long-eared Owl *Asio otus*
Rare breeding resident.

TYLLUAN GORNIOG

Denbs. One at Lleweni on 14/06 (JHi) and another in the Berwyns on 21/03 (PWa) were the only records.

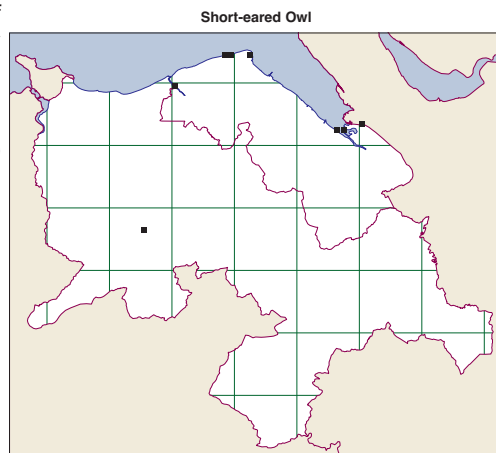
Short-eared Owl *Asio flammeus*

Very scarce upland breeding resident and scarce winter visitor to wetlands.

TYLLUAN GLUSTIOG

Flints. 4 records from Gronant/Point of Ayr and 2 records at Connah's Quay NR/White Sands, including 2 on 25/11 (PSH).

Denbs. One near Llyn Brenig on 3/11 (BI) and one on the Clwyd estuary on 23/12 and 28/12 (AHJ, JHi, RoE).



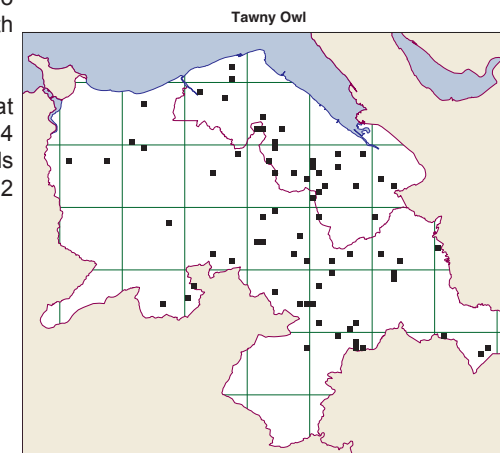
Tawny Owl *Strix aluco*

Fairly common breeding resident.

TYLLUAN FRECH

Flints. 62 records at 16 locations, but no confirmed breeding. Present all year with more records in Aug-Sep.

Denbs. An occupied nest was found at Garthewin in the Elwy valley on 22/04 (SKT). The highest count of the 48 records was 6 near the Horseshoe Pass on 19/02 (JoG).



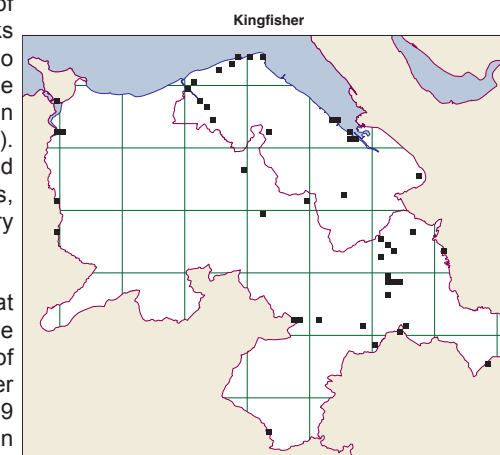
Kingfisher *Alcedo atthis*

Scarce breeding resident and winter visitor.

GLAS Y DORLAN

Flints. 70 records at 12 locations. 38 of the records were from the Rhyl Brickworks Pool and 25 from Connah's Quay NR. No records between late April and mid-June and breeding not confirmed. Max 2 on 2/12 and 5/12 at Brickworks Pool (JHi). Other locations were Big Pool Wood Reserve, Caerwys Sewage Works, Rhuddlan, Bagillt Marsh, Saltney Ferry and 2 sites along the R. Elwy.

Denbs. 45 of the 82 records were at Erddig and 40 of those were from one observer (JmHu). The only records of more than 2 birds came from Aber Rhaeadr in the Tanat Valley on 5/09 (SSpe) and the Dee near Erbistock on 3/09. Breeding was not confirmed, but a likely pair was in Alyn Waters CP on 1/07 (the only midsummer record: AB).



Wryneck *Jynx torquilla* PENGAM
Rare passage migrant.

Denbs. The only record is of one at World's End on 9/05 (MFr).

Lesser Spotted Woodpecker *Dryobates minor* CNOCELL FRAITH FACH
Rare winter visitor (very rarely breeding).

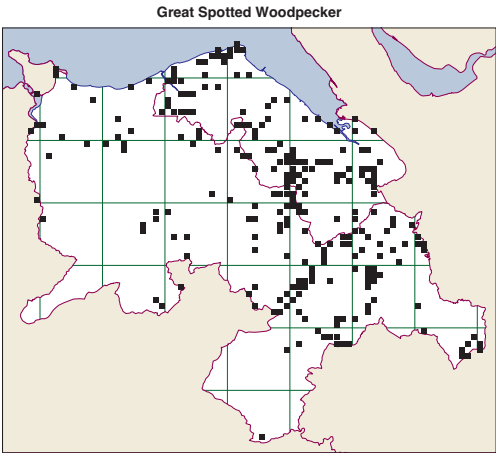
Flints. A remarkable record of 2 birds near Moel Findeg on 22/02 (AOH), when it is rare to find even one. Drumming was heard near Flint on 7/03 (GRMP).

Denbs. The only record was at Sontley Bridge near Erddig on 2/12 (AB).

Great Spotted Woodpecker *Dendrocopos major* CNOCELL FRAITH FAWR
Common breeding resident.

Flints. 363 records with no confirmed breeding. Max 5 at Nant Hall Hotel, Prestatyn on 26/02 (EH).

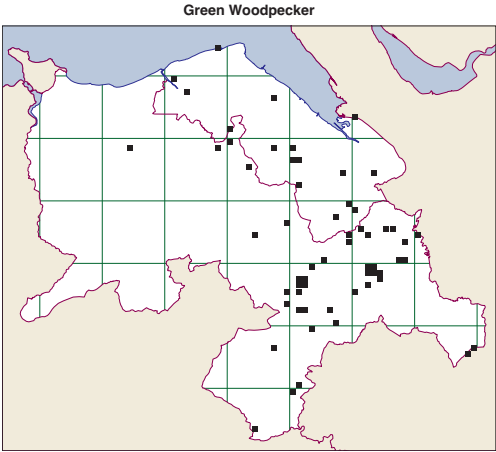
Denbs. 490 records. Breeding was confirmed at 14 locations. One of these, at Gwyfelia south of Wrexham, gave the highest count of 6+ ("at least 3 pairs" JmHu).



Green Woodpecker *Picus viridis* CNOCELL WERDD
Uncommon breeding resident.

Flints. 27 records from 9 localities. Max 2 at Rhydymwyn on 11/08 (IMS) and along the old Coed Talon to Llanfynydd railway line, which had 8 records (RbL). No proof of breeding but a juvenile flew overhead at Star Crossing (which also had 8 records) on 9/08 (GEM).

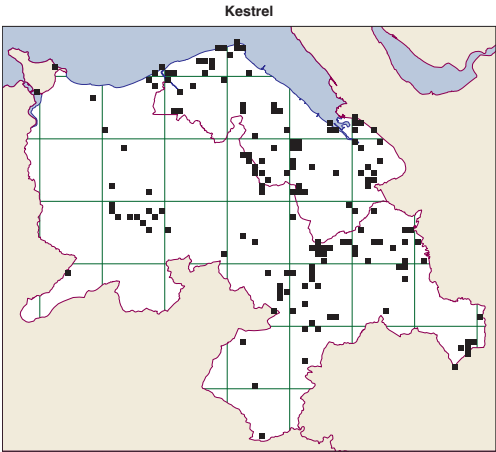
Denbs. The best evidence of breeding was a pair seen mating on a road in the Wrexham Industrial Estate on 30/03 (HC). 80 of the 133 records were from the Wrexham-Erddig area and 70 came from one obs (JmHu).



Kestrel *Falco tinnunculus* CUDYLL COCH
A familiar, but still uncommon, breeding resident.

Flints. 188 records with no direct confirmation of breeding, but "3 hunting together over recently-cut hayfield, none of them adult males" at Star Crossing on 19/07 (GEM) suggests a possible family party. This, and 3 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW), were the highest counts.

Denbs. 227 records with likely breeding confirmed by birds seen carrying food in the Berwyns on 7/06 (DJS) and near Rhyl on 28/06 (AHJ). There were several records of pairs in the Clwydians, but the highest count was 5 at Fenn's Moss on 14/04 (RHa).

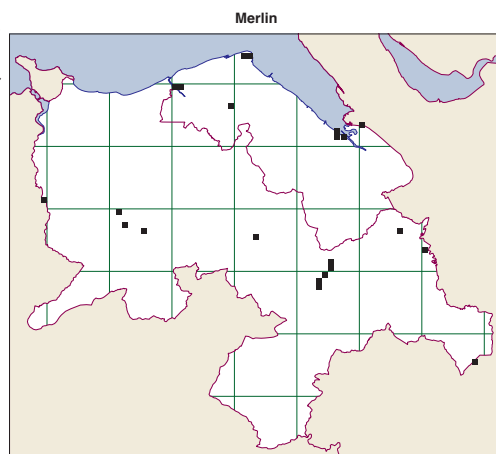


Merlin *Falco columbarius* CUDYLL BACH
A rare breeding resident in uplands and scarce winter visitor to wetlands.

Flints. 12 "winter" records of singles (10 from Connah's Quay NR) from 6/08 to 18/12. One near Rhyl on 23/11 (RIE) and 1 near J31 of the A55 on 25/11 (KBr).

Denbs. 19 records, none of breeding, but singles were seen in June in traditional nesting areas on the Ruabon Moors (NiHu) and the Denbigh Moors (AOOr). There were 7 records from Fenn's

Moss outside the breeding season (RHa). Other winter records at Marford on 21/03 (KS), on the Clwyd estuary on 7/10 (AHJ), near Holt on 30/11 (NF) and at Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd on 17/12 (RoGr).



Hobby *Falco subbuteo*

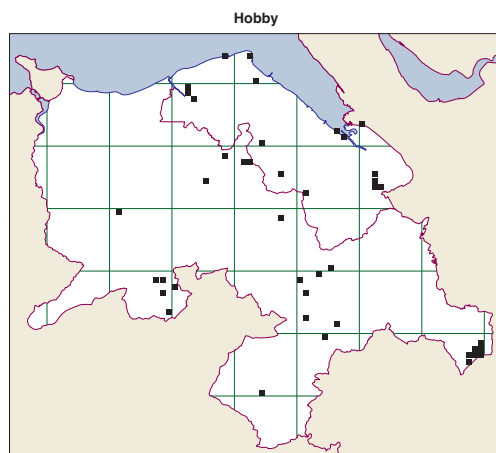
HEBOG YR EHEDYDD

A rare breeding visitor and scarce passage migrant.

Recorded chasing swifts, swallows, house martins, linnets and meadow pipits.

Flints. 21 records from 3/05 to 5/09, with 1-2 birds present near Broughton over an extended period (3/05-20/06: AHJ). Also recorded at Penycloddiau on 13/06 and 16/07 (MV), Cilcain on 28/08 (MB), Connah's Quay NR, Gronant, Rhuddlan, Mostyn and in the Chwiler Valley.

Denbs. All records were from 24/04 to 15/09. Nearly all the 75 records came from Fenn's Moss including two records of 8 birds on 17/05 (RHa) and 27/05 (APe). Breeding confirmed by 2 adults and 2 juveniles there in July. Other records from Gresford Flash on 23/05 (FrL), Ruabon Moors on 31/05 (NiSu) and 12/06 (SD), in the Berwyns on 18/06 (DJS) and 4/07 (JuSh), Llewenni on 23/08 (JHi), Eglwyseg on 24/08 (NiSu) and Aled Isaf on 26/08 (RoE). There were 5 records in the Corwen-Cerrigydrudion area and 3 more along the Dee Valley near Llangollen.



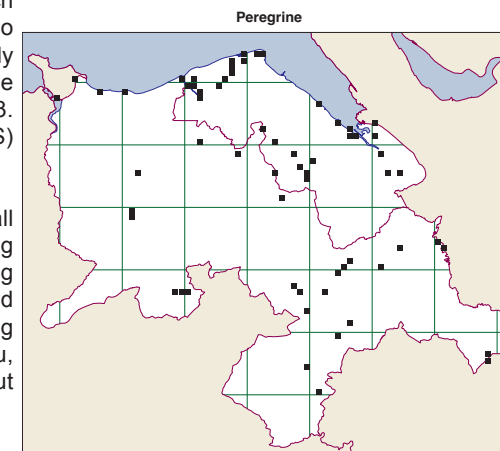
Peregrine *Falco peregrinus*

HEBOG TRAMOR

An uncommon breeding resident.

Flints. 87 records of 1-2 birds, 49 of which came from Connah's Quay NR, but no confirmed breeding or records from likely breeding sites. Max 3 together above the Leete Path at Loggerheads on 23/03. Prey items included oystercatcher (IMS) and feral pigeon (DWin).

Denbs. The 85 records covered all months of the year, both at coastal hunting grounds and at potential inland nesting sites on natural cliffs and abandoned quarries. There were records of displaying pairs at Minera Quarry Reserve (JmHu, TBT) and in the Berwyns (JuSh), but successful breeding was not reported.



Great Grey Shrike *Lanius excubitor*

CIGYDD MAWR

Very scarce winter visitor.

Denbs. All except 1 of the 21 records were from the Llyn Brenig area (though in 6 different km squares) from 17/11 to 16/12 (many obs). One observer found 2 there on 16/12 and a remarkable high count of 4 birds on 2/12 (BI). The only other locality was Fenn's Moss on 1/04 (RHa).



Jay *Garrulus glandarius*

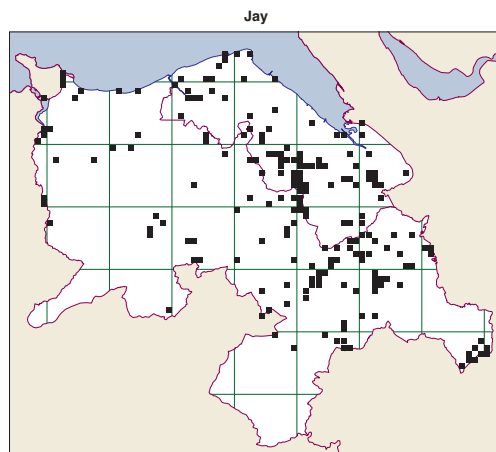
SGRECH Y COED

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 276 records with confirmed breeding at St Asaph Business Park on 27/06 (WRM) and

Broughton on 10/07 (AHJ). Max. 10 flying past at Penycloddiau on 16/10 (GEM).

Denbs. 427 records with no confirmed breeding. Max. 5 at Erddig on 13/10 (JmHu).

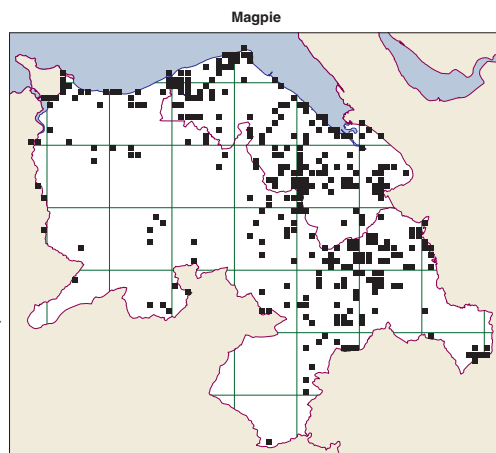


Magpie *Pica pica*

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 1139 records with breeding confirmed at Point of Ayr on 29/04 (AB), Rhyl Brickworks on 14/04 and 24/05 (JHi, AHJ), St Asaph Business Park on 6/06 (WRM) and south of Rhyl on 6/07 (AHJ). Max 26 at Bagillt on 25/01 (GRMP) and Rhyl on 10/03 (RiE).

Denbs. 1029 records with breeding confirmed at Llanfair Talhaiarn on 14/04 (AIC) and on the Denbigh moors near the Gwynedd border on 29/06 (MAO). One was seen carrying off a nestling of another species at RSPB Conwy on 24/06 (WRM). Max 18 on the Clwyd estuary on 12/01 (JHi).



Chough *Pyrhocorax pyrrhocorax*

Rare resident and very scarce winter visitor.

Denbs. All 7 sightings submitted were in the winter months, 5 of them from RSPB Conwy, which is close to the Great Orme (JHg, KBr, SK, RoH). The other two were in the Little Orme-Llandulas area (JHg, MaMa).

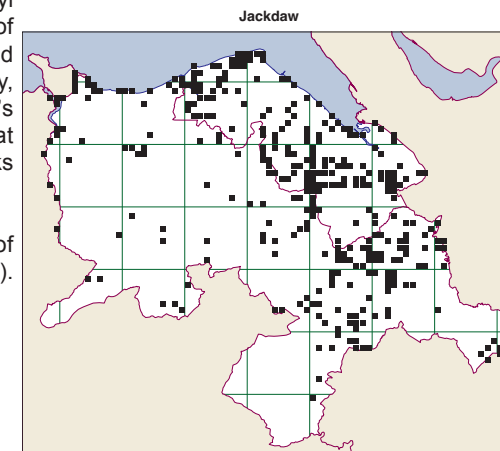
PIODEN

Jackdaw *Coloeus monedula*

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 1098 records, max. 1500+ at Rhyl Sainsbury's on 31/12 (KBr) and flocks of 500 at Rhuddlan on 15/01 (SH) and Broughton on 21/06 (AHJ). Surprisingly, for a species that nests on people's houses, breeding was confirmed only at Pantymwyn on 7/06 and Rhyl Brickworks on 9/06 (AHJ).

Denbs. 998 records but only one of confirmed breeding at Holt on 3/05 (NF). Max 105 at Holt on 24/03 (NF).



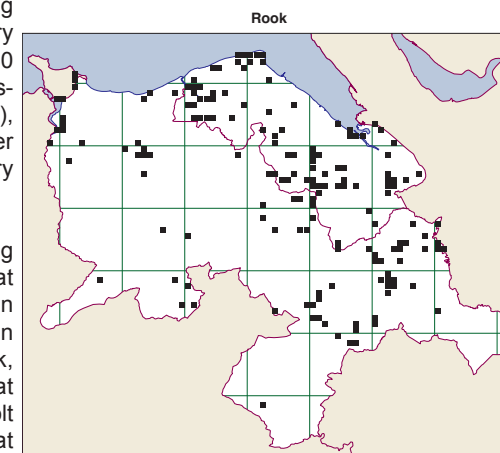
JAC-Y-DO

Rook *Corvus frugilegus*

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 374 records with breeding confirmed at 6 localities, but no rookery nest counts submitted. A remarkable 180 were seen with other corvids at Moel Plas-yw near Moel Arthur on 2/06 (GEM), possibly associated with cockchafer emergence, given the rook's legendary appetite for this insect.

Denbs. 289 records with breeding confirmed at 8 localities. Nest counts at rookeries included 48 at Llansannan (WRM), 37 at Mochdre Crematorium on 20/03 (WRM), 38 in Pentre Mawr Park, Abergele on 9/04 (WRM), 32 at Pentrefelin on 19/03 (JHg) and 14 at Holt on 22/03 (NF). Max. bird count 86 at Lleweni on 20/09 (JHi).



YDFRAN

Carrion Crow *Corvus corone*

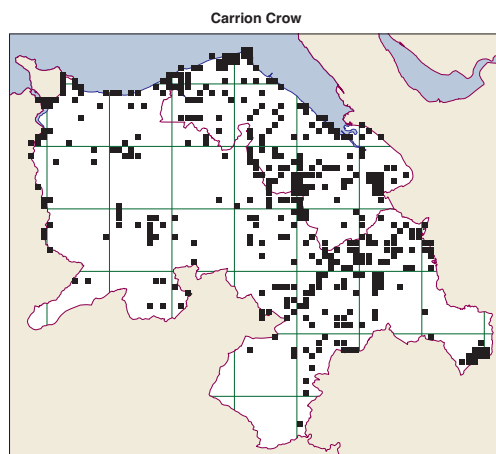
Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 1319 records with breeding confirmed at 6 localities. Max 120 at Connah's Quay NR

BRÂN DYDDYN

on 30/10 (PSH).

Denbs. 1574 records with breeding confirmed at 6 localities. Max 93 in a sheep field with feeders at Pentre-cefn (Oswestry) on 13/02 (AIDa).



Hooded Crow *Corvus cornix*
Vagrant.

BRÂN LWYD

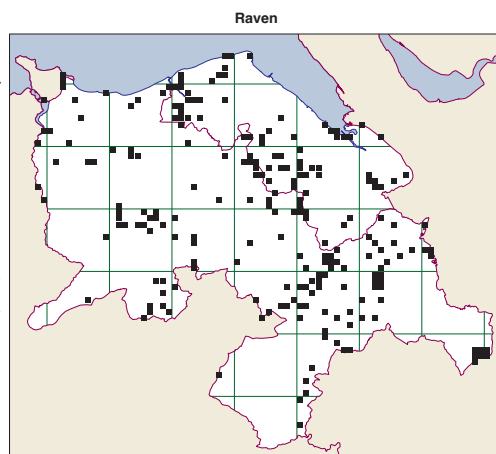
Denbs. One was present with carrion crows on the Clwyd estuary from 24/06 to 1/09 (many obs).

Raven *Corvus corax*
Common breeding resident.

CIGFRAN

Flints. 283 records with breeding confirmed at Flint Castle on 15/05 (SK), Nannerch Fishery on 22/06 (GEM), Ysceifiog Lake on 9/05 (MV) and near Gwaenysgor where a pair of ravens nested in a large Ash Tree (IDJ). Max 16 at White Sands on 30/12 (GrJ).

Denbs. 480 records with breeding confirmed at Llanddulas on 18/04 (WRM), Cefn Cliffs on the R. Elwy on 17/04 (JHi) and Clwyd estuary on 22/05 (AHJ). Max 38 at Cefn Coch in the Berwyns on 29/01 (AIDa).

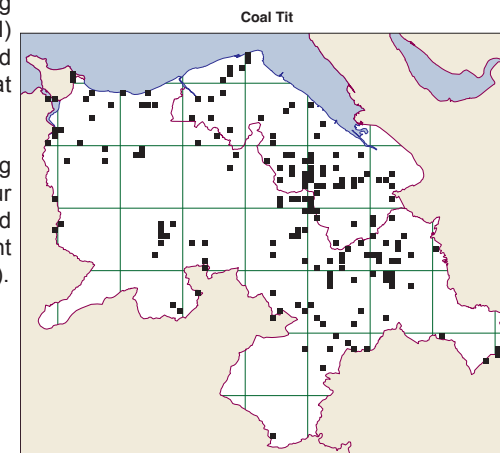


Coal Tit *Periparus ater*
Very common breeding resident.

TITW PENDDU

Flints. 260 records with breeding confirmed at Pantymwyn on 9/06 (GEM) and on the old Coed Talon to Llanfynydd railway line on 19/05 (RoL). Max.10 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW).

Denbs. 310 records with breeding confirmed at Bodnant (RiE), Glyn Arthur (RHa), Gwynfryn near Minera (SD) and Rhewl [Llangollen] (JoG). Max 20, caught for ringing, at Cefn Coch on 18/12 (GeT).

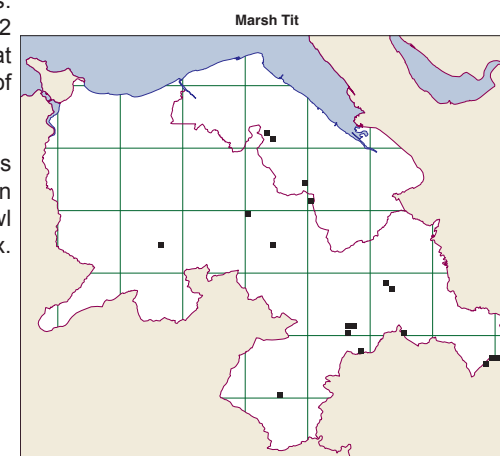


Marsh Tit *Poecile palustris*
Scarce breeding resident.

TITW'R WERN

Flints. 8 records from 3 localities: Pantymwyn (5 recs; GEM), Ysceifiog (2 recs; MV, GEM), Afonwen (MV). Max 2 at Afonwen on 19/03 (MV). No evidence of breeding.

Denbs. 25 records at 7 locations (Fenn's Moss, Froncysyllte, Sontley, Holt, Glyn Arthur, Aberduna Reserve and Rhewl [Ruthin]) but no confirmed breeding. Max. 4 at Fenn's Moss on 8/04 (RHa).

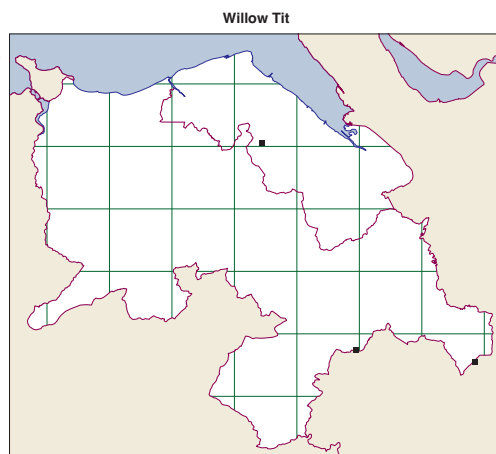


Willow Tit *Poecile montanus*
Very scarce breeding resident.

TITW'R HELYG

Flints. One at Afonwen on 29/03 (GRMP) and 2 near Caerwys on 9/05 (KBr)

Denbs. 4 records: 1 at Chirk on 20/11(CTw), 1 at Llyn Brenig on 10/11 (TBT), 2 at Fenn's Moss on 15/04 (RHa) and 2 near Trevor Uchaf on 19/03 (RhJ). No evidence of breeding.

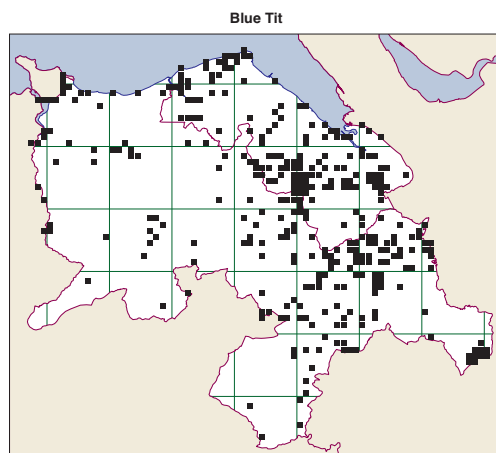


Blue Tit *Cyanistes caeruleus*
Very common breeding resident.

TITW TOMOS LAS

Flints. 1049 records with breeding confirmed at 15 locations. Max 27 at Big Pool Wood on 17/03 (EH).

Denbs. 1130 records with breeding confirmed at 13 localities. Max 26 in January at Holt (NF).



Great Tit *Parus major*
Very common breeding resident.

TITW MAWR

Flints. 760 records with breeding confirmed at 12 locations. Max 17 at Big Pool Wood on 17/03 (EH).

Denbs. 879 records with breeding confirmed in 16 localities. Max 20 on 5/03 at Holt (NF).

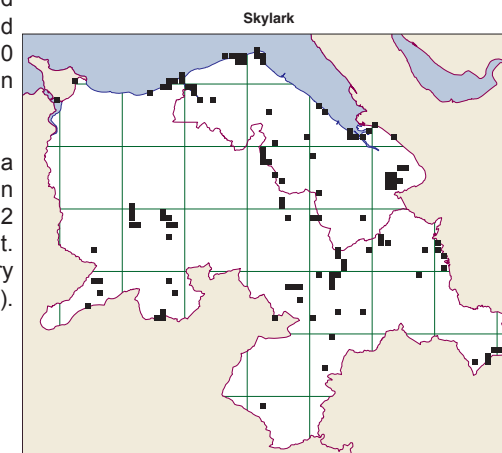
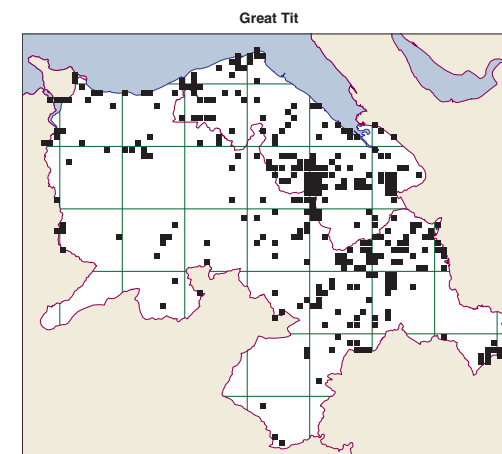
Skylark *Alauda arvensis*

Common but declining, both as breeding resident and winter visitor.

EHEDYDD

Flints. 201 records with confirmed breeding at Gronant dunes on 9/06 and 7/07 (WRM), but 11 of "probable" and 20 of singing males. Max 48 at Gronant on 21/10 (JHi).

Denbs. The only proof of breeding was a bird carrying food at Llyn Aled Isaf on 17/06 (WRM), although there were 62 records of singing males or display flight. Small winter flocks on the Clwyd estuary gave the highest count of 24 on 2/12 (JHi).



Sand Martin *Riparia riparia*

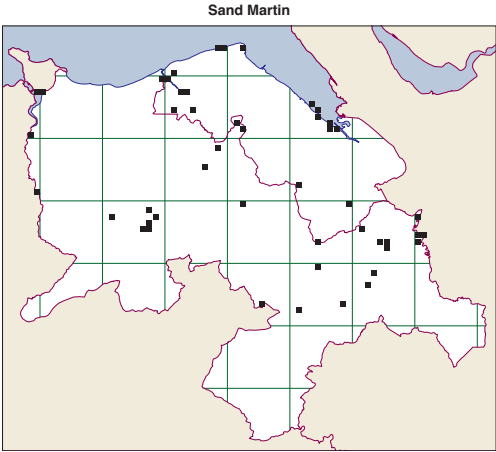
Common passage migrant and local breeding summer visitor.

GWENNOL Y GLENNYDD

Flints. 94 records from 29/04 to 24/08 with breeding confirmed only at Bagillt on 24/08 (GRMP). Max 200 at Flint on 24/04 (GRMP) and 110 at Rhyl Brickworks on 5/04 (JHi).

Denbs. The only breeding evidence was visits to likely nests near Gresford by 15+ birds on 2/04 (SD). Present from 23/03 to 4/09. The highest count of 80+ was at Gresford Flash on 5/04

(FLi).

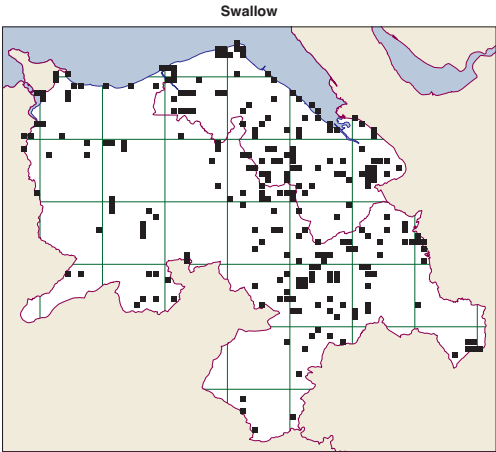


Swallow *Hirundo rustica*
Common breeding summer visitor.

GWENNOL

Flints. 417 records from 29/03 to 8/10 with confirmed breeding at Rhydymwyn Reserve on 17/06 (AB), Rake Farm, Hawarden on 20/06 (AHJ) and Mold Road, Broughton on 3/07 (AHJ). Max 230 as “a constant trickle of juveniles flying up river” at Bagillt on 24/08 (GRMP) and 80 at Connah’s Quay NR on 26/08 (PSH).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed by occupied nests at Lleweni Hall (8 nests: JHi) and Garred Ddu in the Berwyns (3 nests: JuSh). The highest count was 68 at Lleweni (JHi). Present from 27/03 to 6/10.



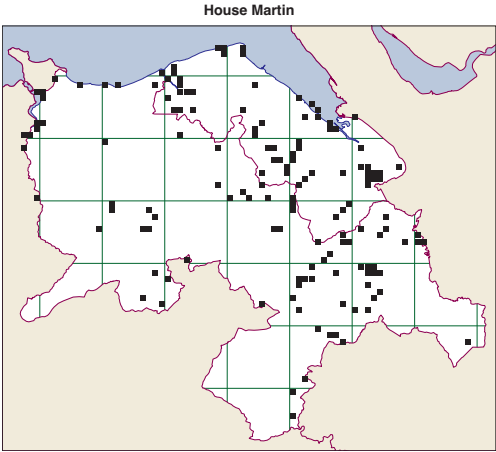
House Martin *Delichon urbicum*
Common breeding summer visitor.

GWENNOL Y BONDO

Flints. 166 records from 1/04 to 3/10, with breeding confirmed at Broughton on 31/05 and Saltney Ferry on 21/08 (both AHJ). Max. 70 migrating over Cilcain Moors on 28/08 (GEM).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed at 6 locations (Garreg Ddu, Eglwyseg, Bodnant, Gwyfelia, Abergele and The Plassey near Wrexham). The highest count was 150 at Eglwyseg on 27/08

(NiSu). Present from 4/04 to 10/10.

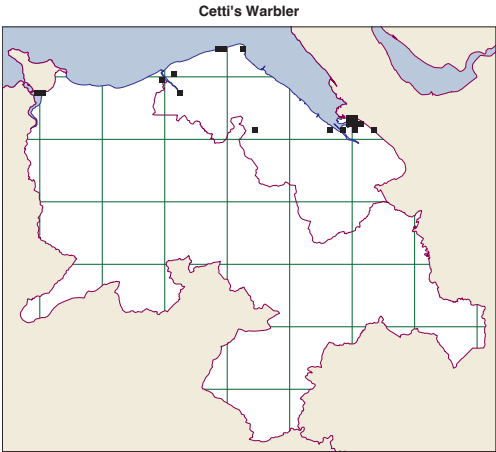


Cetti’s Warbler *Cettia cetti*
Increasing breeding resident.

TELOR CETTI

Flints. 149 records throughout the year, including 67 at Rhyl Brickworks and 51 at Gronant, but no proof of breeding. Max 5 calling males at Gronant on 19/11 (WRM). More unusual were singles at Connah’s Quay NR from 9/09 to 31/10 (PSH), at Rhuddlan Reserve from 17/04 to 6/06 (JHi, SH, WRM) and at Ysceifog on 4/10 (MV).

Denbs. All except 3 of the 94 records were at RSPB Conwy from 18/03 onwards with max 5 on 24/04 and 25/04 (KBr) but no evidence of breeding. Two birds were at Fenn’s Moss on 16/11 (GrJ) and one was at Kinmel Bay on 27/03 (EB).

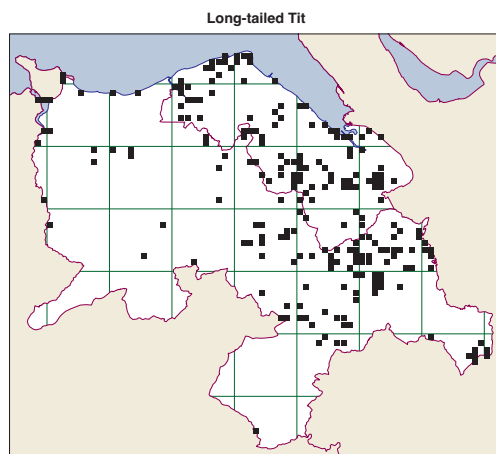


Long-tailed Tit *Aegithalos caudatus*
Very common breeding resident.

TITW GYNFFONHIR

Flints. 413 records with breeding confirmed in 8 localities. Max 20 at Connah’s Quay NR on 19/10 (PSH).

Denbs. 452 records with breeding confirmed at Pontcysyllte Aqueduct (NDR) and Bwlchgwyn (SD). Max 21 at Fenn’s Moss on 11/08 (RHg).

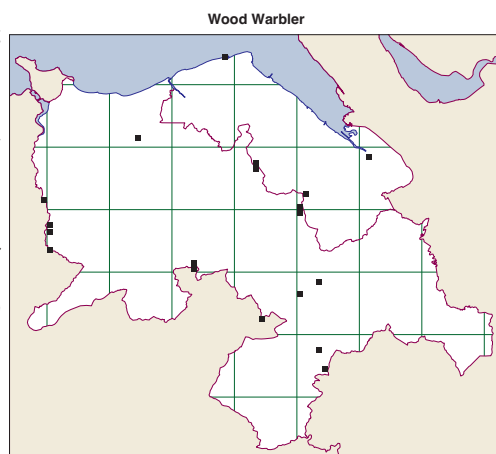


Wood Warbler *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*
Scarce breeding summer visitor.

TELOR COED

Flints. Max 3 at Big Covert, Maeshafn on 5/06 (SD) and 2 singing males at Penycloddiau on 6/06 (EdW). One singing in a Queensferry back garden nearly all day on 9/05 (DWin), one at Gronant on 28/05 (DaShe) and one in woods below Bryn Alyn on 1/05 (GEM).

Denbs. 32 records from 9 locations (Coed Hafod, Bod Petryal, Elwy Woods-Llanfair TH, Llanrwst, Glyndyfrdwy, World's End, Eglwyseg, Portfadog, Craignant), but no confirmed breeding. Present from 27/04 to 22/07.



Dusky Warbler *Phylloscopus fuscatus*
Vagrant.

TELOR TYWYLL

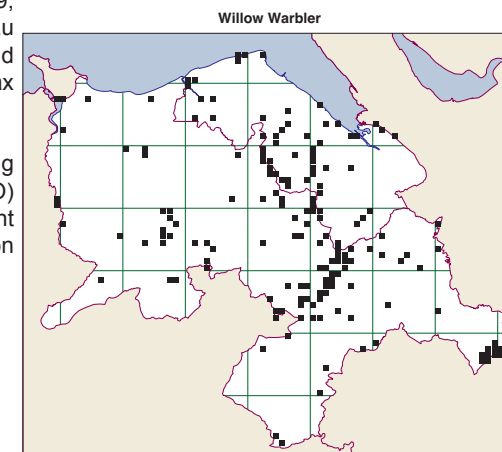
Flints. One present "in small wood by horse paddocks" at Point of Ayr on 13/11 to 15/11 (SD and 8 others). Submission by DJoh et al accepted by WRBC.

Willow Warbler *Phylloscopus trochilus*
Very common breeding summer visitor.

TELOR HELYG

Flints. 238 records from 30/03 to 19/09, with breeding confirmed at Penycloddiau on 31/05 (EdW), Moel Arthur (GEM) and Rhydymwyn Reserve on 21/07 (IMS). Max 26 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW).

Denbs. 413 records with breeding confirmed at Vivod in the Berwyns (MAO) and Gyfelia near Ruabon (JmHu). Present from 31/03 to 11/09. Max. 14 at Gyfelia on 12/06 (JmHu).

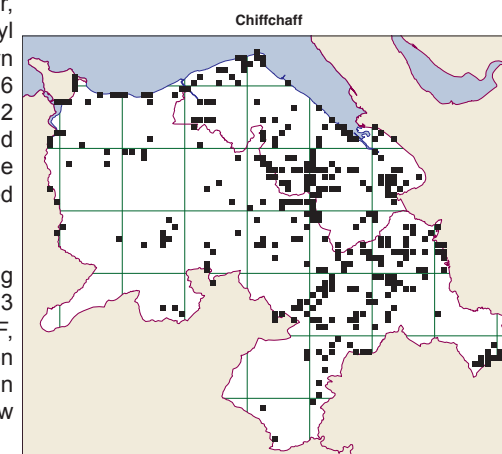


Chiffchaff *Phylloscopus collybita*
Very common breeding summer visitor.

SIFF-SIAFF

Flints. 619 records throughout the year, with breeding confirmed at Rhyl Brickworks on 24/05 (AHJ), Rhydymwyn on 19/06 (IMS), Star Crossing on 22/06 (GEM) and Hendre on 26/06 (SD). Max 12 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW) and Buckley Heritage Trail on 12/04 (SG). The Siberian sub-species (*tristis*) was reported at Rhyl Brickworks on 2/12 (AHJ).

Denbs. 867 records with breeding confirmed at Llyn Brenig (WRM) and 3 sites in the Wrexham-Holt area (NF, JmHu). Present all year. Max 16 at Holt on 3/05 (NF). One weighing 7g hit a kitchen window on 3/09, but recovered and flew off (JuSh).



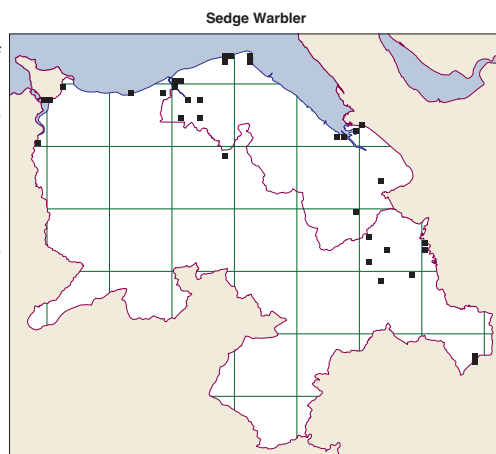
Sedge Warbler *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*
Uncommon breeding summer visitor.

TELOR HESG

Flints. 74 records from 20/04 to 17/09 with breeding confirmed at Gronant on 9/06 (WRM).

Max 8 at Gronant on 9/06 (WRM). Recorded elsewhere at Rhyl Brickworks, Padeswood, Connah's Quay NR, Point of Ayr, Rhuddlan, Dyserth, Fagl Lane, Hawarden Ind Estate and 2 localities in St Asaph.

Denbs. 137 records with confirmed breeding at RSPB Conwy, Clwyd estuary and Llandrillo-yn-Rhos (all WRM). Present from 18/04 to 27/08. Recorded elsewhere at Wrexham, Llay, Erddig, Holt, Lleweni, Llyn Brenig, Fenn's Moss, TalYCafn and Gresford Flash.

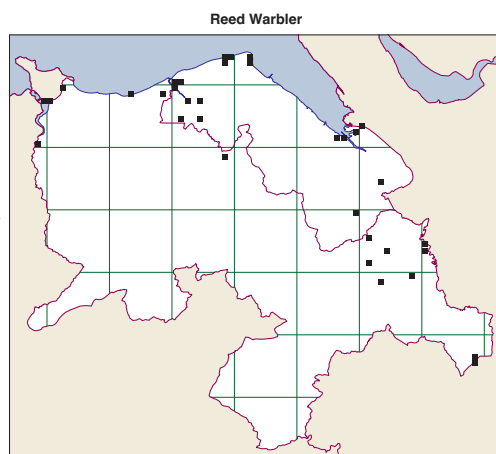


Reed Warbler *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*
Uncommon breeding summer visitor.

TELOR CYRS

Flints. 67 records from 19/04 to 16/09, with breeding confirmed at Gronant on 7/07 (WRM), Rhyl Brickworks on 11/07 (AHJ) and Rhydymwyn Reserve on 21/07 (IMS). Max 15 at Gronant on 9/06 (WRM).

Denbs. 116 records (79 from RSPB Conwy and 17 from Erddig) with breeding confirmed at RSPB Conwy, Clwyd estuary and Llandrillo-yn-Rhos (all WRM). Inland records at Hanmer (8/05-22/08: SD, DaHa), Holt (27/06: NF) and Fenn's Moss (27/05: APe).

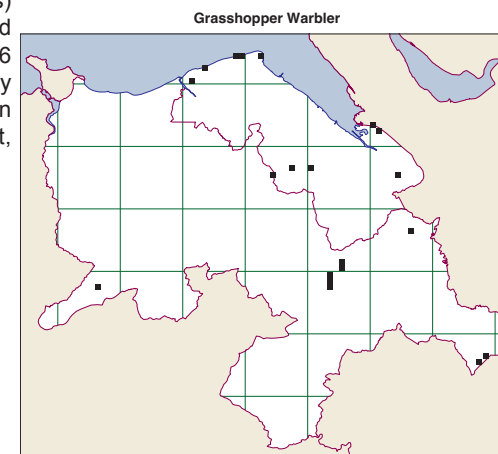


Grasshopper Warbler *Locustella naevia*
Uncommon breeding summer visitor and passage migrant.

TROELLWR BACH

Flints. 21 records from 18/04 to 21/07, with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn Reserve on 21/07 (IMS). 6 records from Point of Ayr (max 2 birds) and 5 records from the Gronant/Prestatyn area. Also single records near Padeswood (JuR), north of Cilcain (IMS), Moel Arthur (AHJ), Rhyl Brickworks (RiE) and Hawarden Airport (DiK).

Denbs. 25 records (12 from Fenn's Moss) from 17/04 to 22/07, but no confirmed breeding. A careful count suggested 6 singing males at Fenn's Moss in May (RHa et al). Also at Esclusham/Ruabon Moors (4 localities), Ceiriog Forest, Migneint and Moel Fferna.

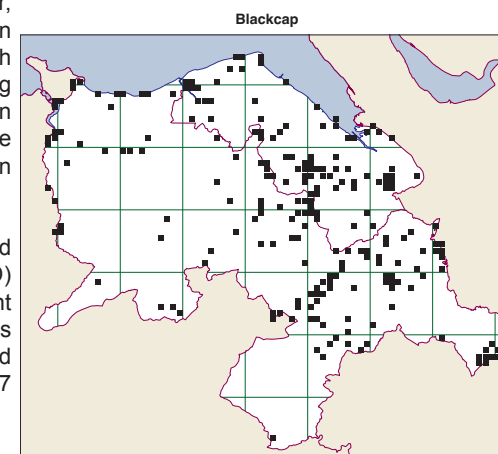


Blackcap *Sylvia atricapilla*
Very common breeding summer visitor.

TELOR PENDDU

Flints. 371 records throughout the year, with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn (IMS), Rhuddlan (WRM) and St Asaph Business Park (WRM). One was eating hawthorn berries at Nercwys Pant Du on 10/10 (GEM). Max. 9 at Buckley Heritage Trail on 27/04 (SG) and Rhydymwyn Reserve on 25/06 (TP).

Denbs. 441 records with confirmed breeding at Moss Valley on 17/07 (SD) and Wrexham on 16/06 (JmHu). Present in every month of the year; winter records mainly from coastal areas and around Wrexham. Max. 9 at Fenn's Moss on 5/07 (RHa).



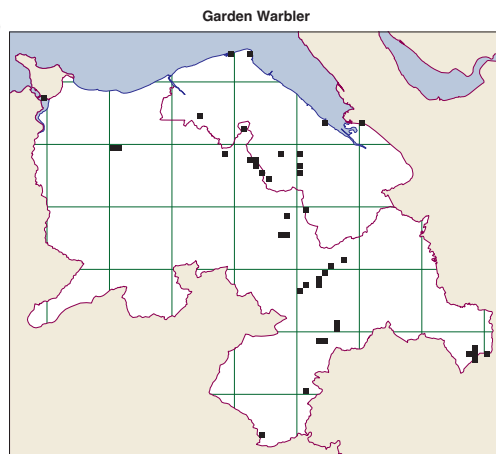
Garden Warbler *Sylvia borin*
Uncommon breeding summer visitor.

TELOR YR ARDD

Flints. 42 records in 12 localities from 29/04 to 27/08 with no confirmed breeding, although a brood patch was present on a bird ringed at Rhydymwyn on 5/06 (IMS). Max. 8 at Penycloddiau on 31/05 and 6/06 (EdW).

Denbs. 59 records of 1-2 birds at 26 localities, but no confirmed breeding, although anxiety

behaviour was seen at RSPB Conwy on 26/06 (WRM). Present from 23/04 to 13/08.

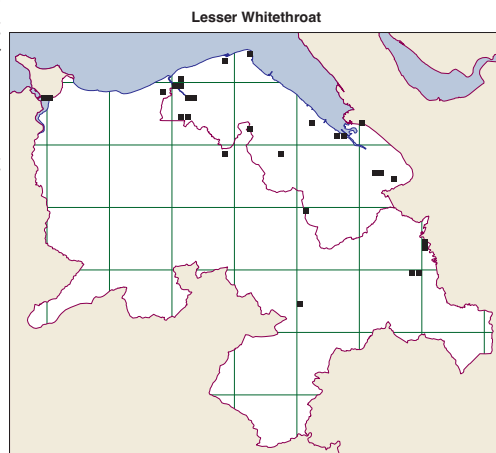


Lesser Whitethroat *Curruca curruca*
Uncommon breeding summer visitor.

LLWYDFRON FACH

Flints. 43 records of 1-2 birds from 11/04 to 18/09 with breeding confirmed at Glascoed NR on 30/05 (WRM) and near Broughton on 20/06 (AHJ). Max ????.

Denbs. 46 records (32 from RSPB Conwy) with "probable breeding" at Holt on 22/06 (NF). Present from 11/04 to 4/08. Other records from Star Crossing, Wrexham and Kinmel Bay Ind. Estates, Llewenni and Fenn's Moss.

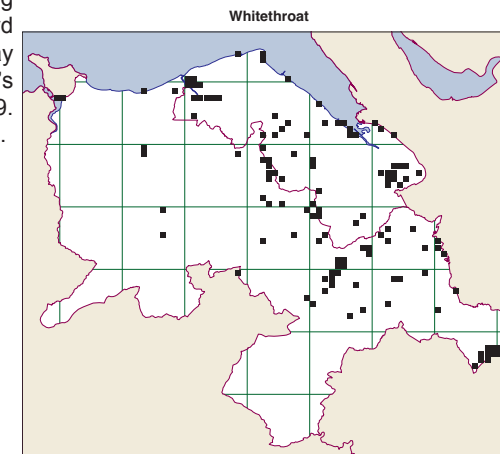


Whitethroat *Curruca communis*
Common breeding summer visitor.

LLWYDFRON

Flints. 203 records from 20/03 to 7/09 with breeding confirmed at Holt (NF, JmHu), Moel Arthur (GEM), Broughton and Hawarden (AHJ), Rhyl Brickworks (AHJ), Nercwys Forest (WAO) and St Asaph Business Park (WRM). Max 11 at Point of Ayr on 26/04 (MV) and Deeside Ind Estate on 10/05 (SuHa).

Denbs. 321 records with breeding confirmed at RSPB Conwy (WRM), Clwyd estuary (AHJ, WRM), Erddig (JmHu), Llay (RoBi), Esclusham Mtn (SD) and Fenn's Moss (SD). Present from 18/04 to 15/09. Max. 9 at RSPB Conwy on 24/04 (PJW).

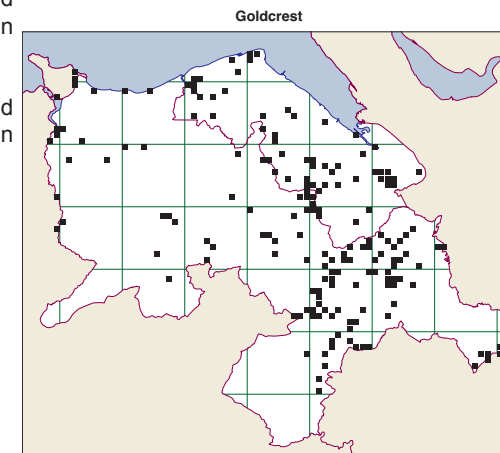


Goldcrest *Regulus regulus*
Very common breeding resident.

DRYW EURBEN

Flints. 184 records but no confirmed breeding. Max. 10+ at Loggerheads on 10/12 (GrJ).

Denbs. 337 records, but no confirmed breeding. Max 10+ at Bod Petryal on 13/06 (TBT).



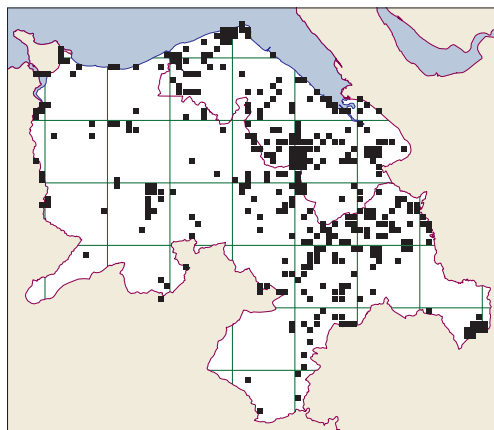
Wren *Troglodytes troglodytes*
Very common breeding resident.

DRYW

Flints. 904 records with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn Reserve (IMS), Rhyl Brickworks (AHJ) and Rake Farm, Hawarden (AHJ). Max 12 singing males at Nercwys Forest on 23/05 (GEM) and Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW).

Denbs. 1131 records. Breeding was confirmed at 8 localities. Max count of 16 near Holt on

Wren



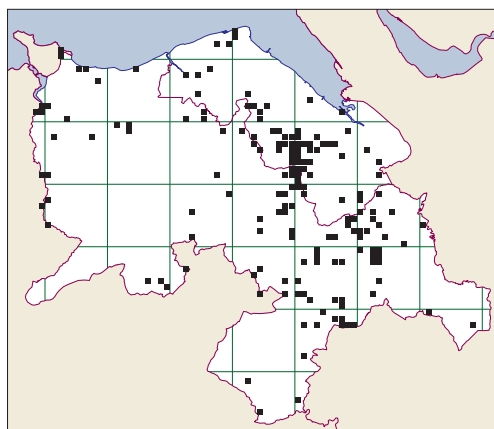
Nuthatch *Sitta europaea*
Common breeding resident.

DELOR CNAU

Flints. 277 records (95 of which from Pantymwyn) but no confirmed breeding. A bird with a brood patch was caught at Bagillt on 16/05 (GRMP). Max 6 at Pantymwyn on 12/01 and 31/10 (GEM).

Denbs. 372 records with breeding confirmed at 8 localities. Max 6 at Chirk Castle in October (CTw).

Nuthatch



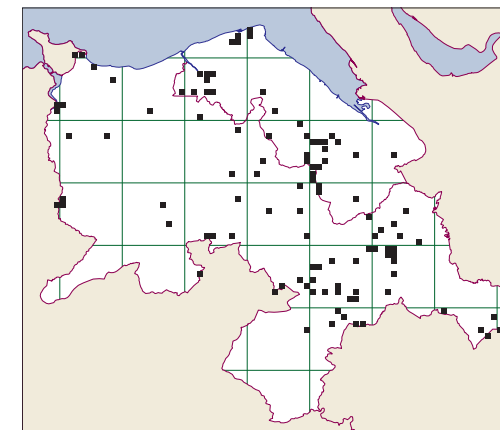
Treecreeper *Certhia familiaris*
Fairly common breeding resident.

DRINGWR BACH

Flints. 94 records. No confirmed breeding, but a bird was seen nest building at St Asaph Business Park on 17/04 (WRM). Max. 5 on a walk near Caerwys on 17/03 (KBr).

Denbs. 153 records with breeding confirmed only at Glyn Arthur on 26/05 (RHa). Max. 3 at Erddig on 1/01 (HeCar).

Treecreeper



Rose-coloured Starling *Pastor roseus*
Vagrant.

DRUDWEN WRIDOG

Denbs. One at Llandrillo-yn-Rhos on 2/07 (accepted by WRBC: photo by P Jones), one at Rhyl on 6/06 (also accepted by WRBC) and another at RSPB Conwy on 22/09 (RTe).

Starling *Sturnus vulgaris*

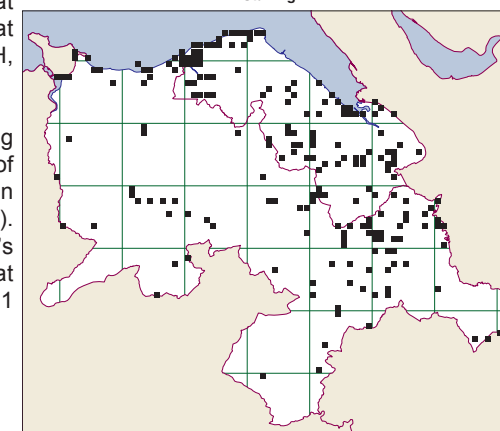
DRUDWEN

Very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 643 records with breeding confirmed at 7 locations. Max 800 at Bagillt on 25/01 (GRMP) and 500 at Connah's Quay NR on 13/09 (PSH, GEM).

Denbs. 568 records with breeding confirmed at 6 locations. A murmuration of 10,000 birds was seen in Abergele/Pensarn at 5pm on 10/02 (HC). Other high counts were 6,000 at Fenn's Moss on 2/11 (RHa) and 3,000 at Maengwynedd in the Berwyns on 5/11 (JuSh).

Starling



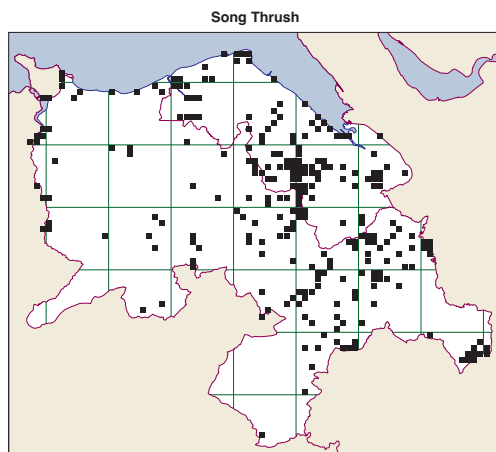
Song Thrush *Turdus philomelos*

BRONFRAITH

Fairly common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 494 records with confirmed breeding at Rhydymwyn Reserve (IMS), Rhyl Brickworks (AHJ) and St Asaph Business Park (WRM). Max. 10 at Connah's Quay NR on 23/12 (PSH).

Denbs. 629 records with breeding confirmed at 8 localities. Max 14 on the Clwyd estuary on 9/01 (JHi). At least 6 singing males at Nercwys Forest on 23/05 (GEM).



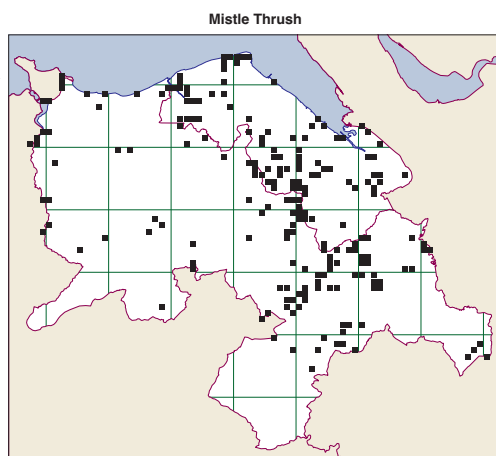
Mistle Thrush *Turdus viscivorus*

BRYCH COED

Fairly common breeding resident.

Flints. 303 records with breeding confirmed at 5 localities (Cilcain Moors (GEM), St Asaph Business Park (WRM), Mostyn (SD) and 2 locations near Hawarden/Broughton (AHJ). Max 15 at Caerwys on 28/07 (KBr).

Denbs. 402 records with breeding confirmed at 10 localities. Max 31 at Eryrys on 14/06 (TP).



Redwing *Turdus iliacus*

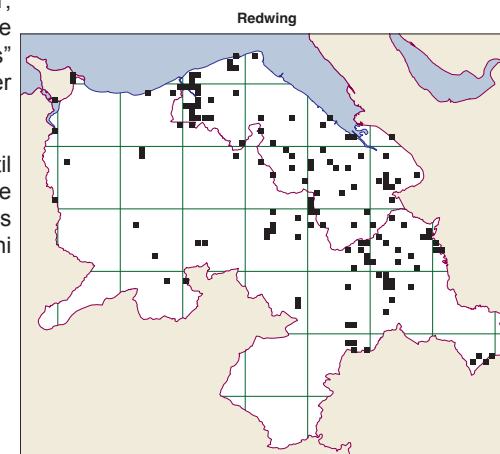
COCH DAN ADAIN

Common winter visitor.

Flints. 246 winter records up to 2/04 and again from 6/10 onwards. Max 700 at Bagillt on 23/01

(GRMP). At the same location on 5/11, 465 birds "suddenly descended on sloe trees and stripped them in five minutes" (GRMP). 415 were recorded flying over Broughton at night on 13/10 (AHJ).

Denbs. 234 winter records. Present until 29/03 and then again from 8/10. The highest count was 1000 at Fenn's Moss on 7/11 (RHa), followed by 138 at Lleweni on 8/11 (JHi).



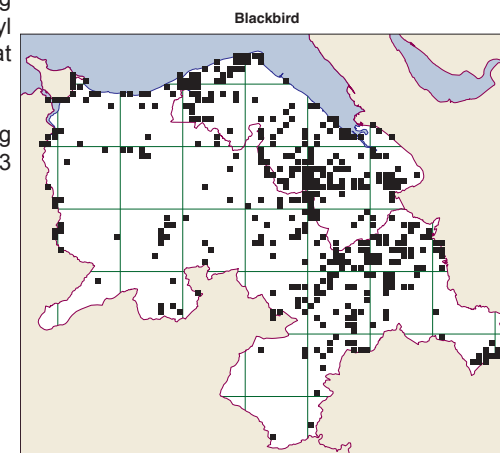
Blackbird *Turdus merula*

MWYALCHEN

Very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 1314 records with breeding confirmed at 22 localities. Max 40 at Rhyl Brickworks on 1/01 (JHi) and 30 at Pantymwyn on 24/11 (GEM).

Denbs. 1446 records with breeding confirmed at 20 localities. Max count of 93 at Clwyd estuary on 1/01 (JHi).



Fieldfare *Turdus pilaris*

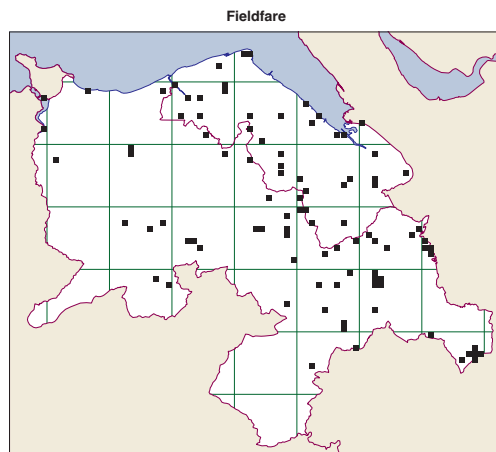
SOCAN EIRA

Common winter visitor.

Flints. 75 records up to 2/04 and again from 2/11 onwards. Max 200 at the south end of Nercwys Forest on 6/11 (AB).

Denbs. 132 winter records. Present until 20/04 and then again from 16/10. The highest counts were 180 at Garreg Ddu on 4/11 (JuSh), 150 at Fenn's Moss on 7/11 (RHa) and 140 at RSPB

Conwy on 6/11 (JHg), consistent with an influx in early Nov.



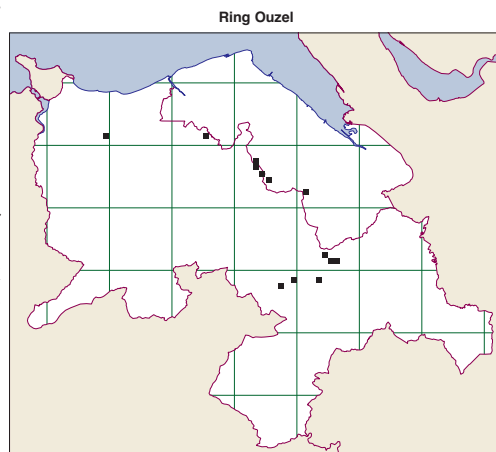
Ring Ouzel *Turdus torquatus*

Scarce passage migrant (previously bred).

MWYALCHEN Y MYNYDD

Flints. 4 spring records: singles at Penycloddiau on 13/04 (MD) and 2/05 (EdW) and Cilcain Moors on 14/04 (GEM), plus the max. 4 in flight at Moel Arthur on 20/04 (RiHu).

Denbs. 11 records from 4 localities (Minera Reserve, Ruabon Moors, Horseshoe Pass and Moelfre Uchaf near Betws-yn-Rhos) but no confirmed breeding. Present from 31/03 to 2/05. Max count of 8 at Horseshoe Pass on 5/04 (JoG).



Spotted Flycatcher *Muscicapa striata*

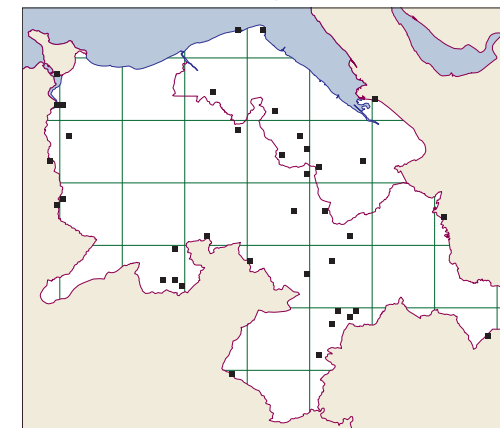
Uncommon breeding summer visitor.

GWYBEDOG MANNOG

Flints. 7 records of 1-2 birds from 5 locations (Gronant, St Asaph, Cilcain, Graianrhyd and Caerwys) from 15/05 to 24/07, but no confirmed breeding.

Denbs. 33 records with breeding confirmed at Holt (NF) and Minera (SD). Present from 16/05 to 20/09. Max 5 at Llangwm churchyard on 8/07 (WAO).

Spotted Flycatcher



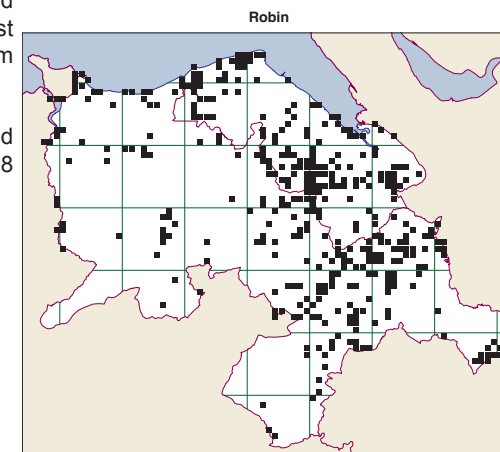
Robin *Erithacus rubecula*

Very common breeding resident.

ROBIN GOCH

Flints. 1158 records with confirmed breeding at 11 localities. The 32 highest counts of 13-25 birds all came from Buckley Heritage Trail (SG).

Denbs. 1346 records with confirmed breeding at 18 localities. Max count of 38 near Holt on 27/01 (NF).



Pied Flycatcher *Ficedula hypoleuca*

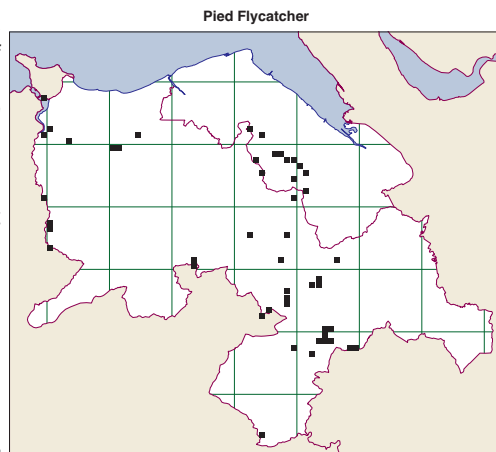
Uncommon breeding summer visitor. Almost invariably using garden nestboxes and woodland nestbox schemes.

GWYBEDOG BRITH

Flints. 23 records at 7 localities from 13/04 to 7/06, with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn Reserve on 5/06 (IMS).

Denbs. 62 records with breeding confirmed at Rhewl [Llangollen] (2 boxes: JoG), Glyn Arthur

(RHa), Chirk Churchyard (AB) and notably at Pwllglas (DJam), where a nestbox was followed almost daily from the arrival of the pair on 18/04, through egg-laying on 7/05 and the first live young on 29/05 to the final fledging on 29/06. Confirmed breeding at 6 localities (Lleweni, Eglwyseg, Glyn Arthur, Vivod Mountain, MLLangwm and Bod Petryal. Present mainly from 4/04 to 22/06, with a late bird at Minera on 13/08 (SD). Max. 26 at Glyn Arthur on 16/05 (RHa).



Black Redstart *Phoenicurus ochrous*
Rare winter visitor and passage migrant.

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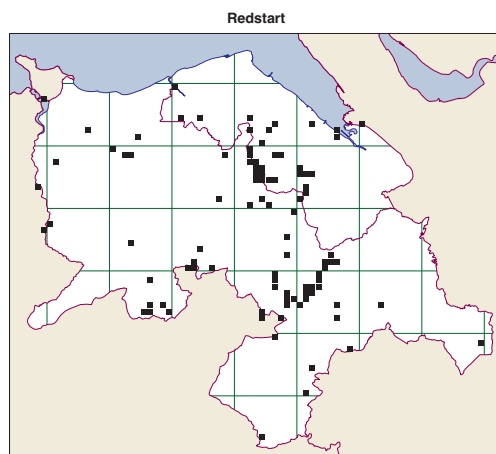
Flints. A male spent at least 2 hours in a Holywell garden on 6/04 (DPL).

Denbs. One at Llyn Aled Isaf on 9/04 (RoE) and possibly the same bird further south on the Hiraethog Trail on 14/04 (MCI).

Redstart *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*
Fairly common breeding summer visitor.

TINGOCH

Flints. 67 records from 10/04 to 27/08 with breeding confirmed at Penycloddiau on 31/05 (EdW) and Rhydymwyn Reserve on 5/06 (IMS). At Moel Arthur on 15/04, there were "4 males together in a small pine plantation, quite a lot of mid-air fighting" (GEM). Max count of 15 at Penycloddiau on 31/05 (EdW).



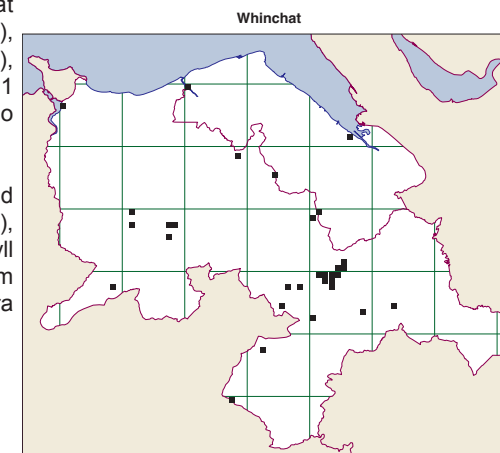
Denbs. 137 records with confirmed breeding at 7 localities (Lleweni, Eglwyseg, Glyn Arthur, Vivod Mountain, Llangwm, Bod Petryal and Penmachno). Present from 2/04 to 22/08. Max 4-5 birds at several locations.

Whinchat *Saxicola rubetra*
Scarce and local breeding summer visitor.

CREC YR EITHIN

Flints. 5 records from 4 localities: 1 at Connah's Quay NR on 9/05-11/05 (PSH), 2 near Nercwys Forest on 16/08 (WAO), a pair near Caerwys on 18/04 (KBr) and 1 near Padeswood on 2/05 (JuR). No confirmed breeding.

Denbs. 63 records with confirmed breeding at Worlds End on 23/06 (DHiley), Esclusham Mtn on 13/07 (JJo) and Pistyll Rhaeadr on 30/07 (JmK). Present from 18/08 to 27/09. Max count of 20 at Minera Reserve on 14/05 (PEM).

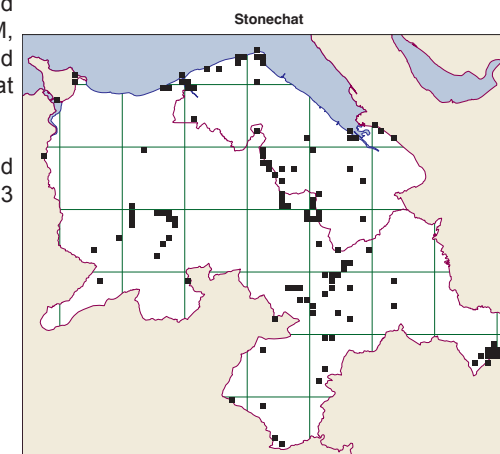


Stonechat *Saxicola rubicola*
Fairly common breeding resident.

CLOCHDAR Y CERRIG

Flints. 189 records with confirmed breeding at Gronant on 19/05 (SD, WRM, BaDa), Point of Ayr on 22/05 (MV) and Moel Findeg on 28/06 (GEM). Max 9 at Cilcain Moors on 28/08 (GEM).

Denbs. 404 records with confirmed breeding at 12 localities. Max count of 13 at Fenn's Moss on 8/07 (RHa).



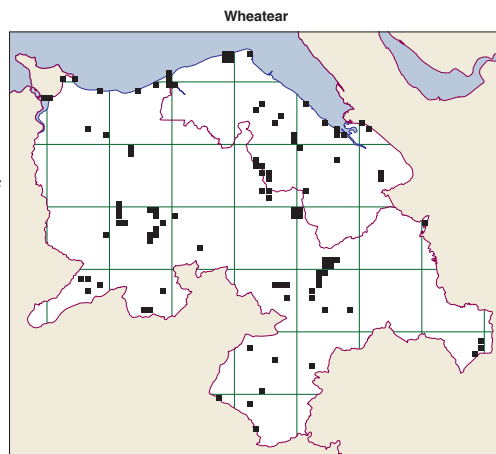
Wheatear *Oenanthe oenanthe*
Scarce and declining breeding summer visitor and fairly common passage migrant.

TINWEN Y GARN

Flints. 77 records from 23/03 to 9/10, but no confirmed breeding. Max. 20+ at Gronant beach

on 24/04 (TBT), 14 near J31 of the A55 on 7/05 (KBr) and 10 on Deeside Ind. Estate on 10/05 (SuHa). There was one of the Greenland form (*leucorhoa*) at Flint on 24/04 (GRMP) and 5 near J31 of the A55 on 7/05 (KBr).

Denbs. 199 records but only one of confirmed breeding when a juvenile was seen on Esclusham Mtn on 13/07 (JJo). Max counts of 12 at Minera Reserve on 14/05 (PEM) and below the Horseshoe Pass on 22/04 (JoG). Present from 23/03 to 9/10. Two of the Greenland form (*leucorhoa*) at RSPB Conwy on 22/05 (RiE).



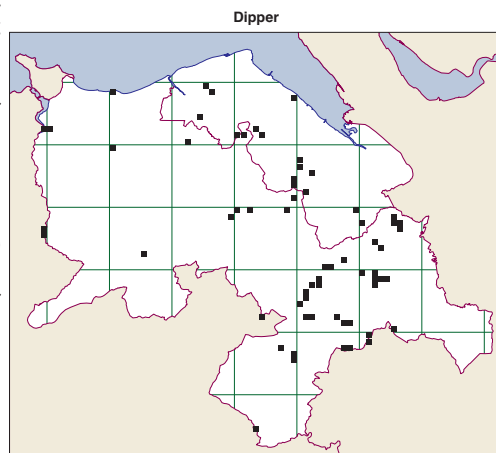
Dipper *Cinclus cinclus*

BRONWEN Y DWR

Uncommon breeding resident on suitable rivers and streams.

Flints. 37 records (22 of them from St Asaph) with confirmed breeding at Dyserth Waterfall (PEM, RiE), St Asaph (JHi) and Ysceifiog (MV), and one visiting a known nest site on the R. Alyn near Loggerheads (GEM). Max 4 at St Asaph on 15/05 (JHi).

Denbs. 146 records with breeding confirmed at World's End on 2/05 (GrJ) and nest-building observed on the R. Ceiriog near Chirk. Max 3 near Horseshoe Falls, Llangollen on 28/09 (JFe) and at Ruthin Weir on 10/04.



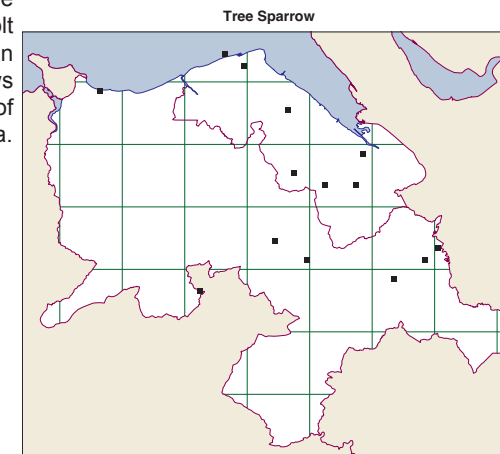
Tree Sparrow *Passer montanus*

GOLFAN MYNYDD

Uncommon breeding resident and winter visitor, one that might pass unnoticed without BTO's Garden Birdwatch scheme.

Flints. Only one Birdtrack record of a single bird at Connah's Quay NR on 30/06 (NeT), but Garden Birdwatch found them at 5 locations: throughout the year in Cilcain, near Gronant in May, post-breeding for 3 months in Buckley and isolated winter records at Pantasaph and Mold.

Denbs. Only 2 winter records of single birds at Erddig on 26/03 (JmHu) and Holt on 19/11 (NF). Additional Garden Birdwatch records in winter at Bettws Gwerfil Goch, Graigfechan in the Vale of Clwyd and at Pen-y-Stryt near Llandegla.



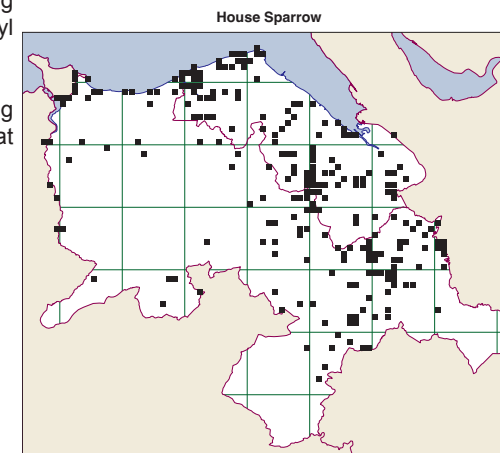
House Sparrow *Passer domesticus*

ADERYN Y TŌ

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 889 records with breeding confirmed at 7 locations. Max 53 at Rhyl Brickworks on 13/01 (JHi).

Denbs. 710 records with breeding confirmed at only 4 locations. Max. 64 at Holt on 7/03 (NF).



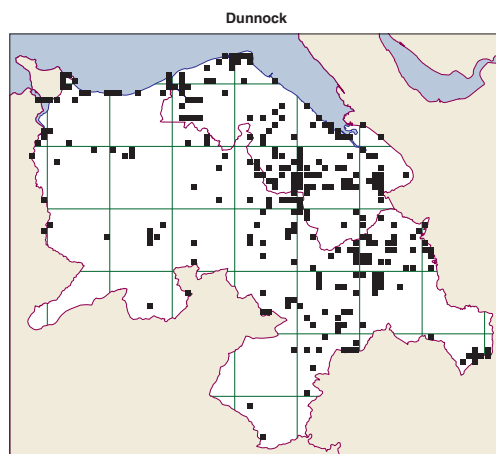
Dunnock *Prunella modularis*

LLWYD Y GWYRCH

Very common breeding resident.

Flints. 943 records with confirmed breeding at 9 localities. Max. 18 at Rhyl Brickworks on 30/04 (JHi).

Denbs. 792 records with confirmed breeding at 4 localities. Max count of 16 near Holt on 22/03 (NF).



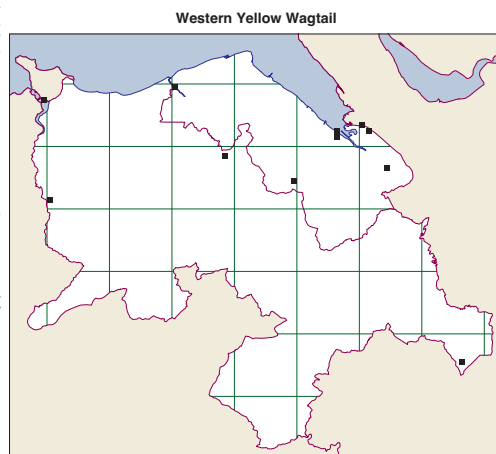
Western Yellow Wagtail *Motacilla flava*

SIGLEN FELEN GORLLEWIN

Scarce passage migrant and rare breeding summer visitor.

Flints. 10 records at 6 locations, without confirmed breeding, but a “permanent territory” with the max of 4 birds at Saltney Ferry on 20/06 (AHJ). An unusual inland migrant was photographed in Pantymwyn (214m asl) on 24/04 (GEM).

Denbs. There were 4 at Fenn’s Moss on 19/05 (JmHu, TBT), 2 on Clwyd estuary on 19/09 (WRM) and singles at Lleweni on 4/08 (JHi) and RSPB Conwy on 8/05 (JHg). Two specified as “*flavissima*” at RSPB Conwy on 9/05 (PJW).



Grey Wagtail *Motacilla cinerea*

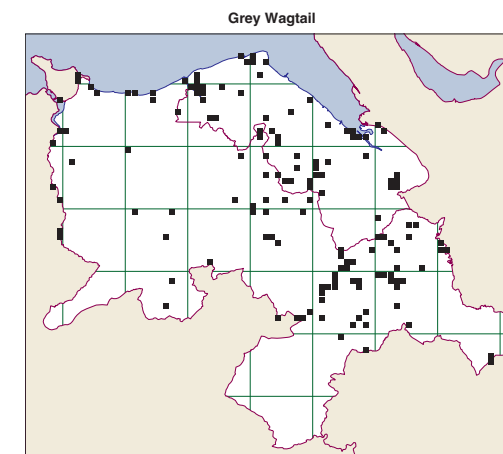
SIGLEN LWYD

Fairly common breeding resident on waterways.

Flints. 152 records with breeding confirmed at Rhydymwyn Reserve (IMS), Sydalit (SD), Nant-y-Ffrith (SD) and Dyserth Waterfall (PEM). “Probable” breeding at Devil’s Gorge, Pantymwyn (GEM). Max 8+ at Rhydymwyn Reserve on 11/08 (IMS).

Denbs. 304 records. Breeding was confirmed at 15 localities. The highest count was 9 at

Eglwyseg on 13/07 (JJo).



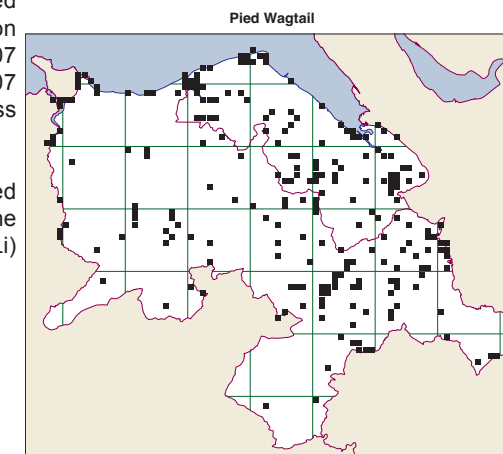
Pied Wagtail *Motacilla alba yarrellii*

SIGLEN FRAITH

Common breeding resident.

Flints. 330 records with confirmed breeding at Rhydymwyn Reserve on 29/05 (IMS), Higher Kinnerton on 3/07 (AHJ) and Star Crossing Pool on 19/07 (GEM). Max. 100 at St Asaph Business Park on 18/11 (SH).

Denbs. 568 records with confirmed breeding at 11 localities. Max 50+ in the Borrass area of Wrexham on 20/03 (FLi) and 46 at RSPB Conwy on 8/08 (JHi).



White Wagtail *Motacilla alba alba*

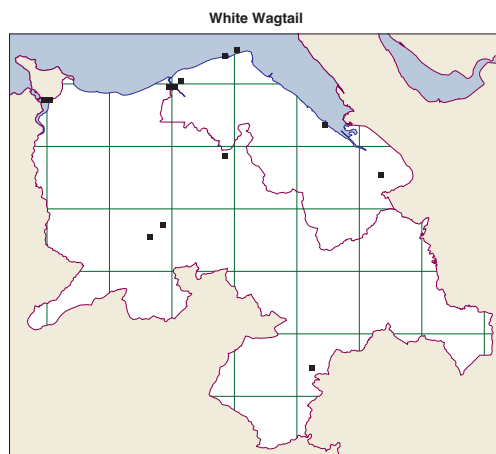
SIGLEN WEN

Uncommon passage migrant.

Flints. 6 records from 5/03 to 23/05 (Flint, Gronant, Rhyl Brickworks, Broughton) and 1 at Big Pool Wood on 30/08 (KBr). Max 12+ out of 17 wagtails at Gronant on 18/05 were *M. alba alba* (WRM) and 6 at Rhyl Brickworks on 21/04 (AHJ).

Denbs. 34 records, of which 26 from the Clwyd estuary and RSPB Conwy. Lleweni had 1-2

during 7/04 to 10/05 (JHi). Singles at Llyn Brenig on 18/04 (AtG) and 21/04 (WRM), Llechrydau in the Berwyns on 16/04 (AlDa) and Llay pool on 14/04 (FLi). Max 16 at RSPB Conwy on 18/05 (JHg).



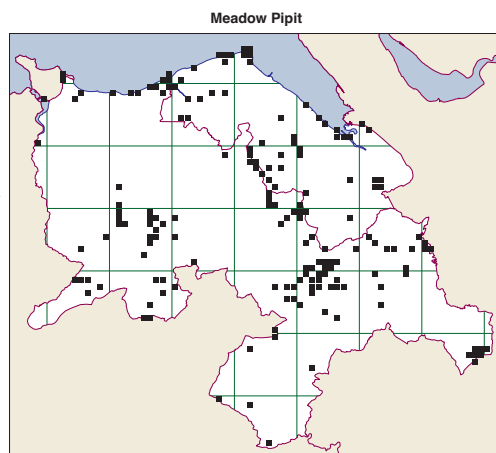
Meadow Pipit *Anthus pratensis*

CORHEDYDD Y WAUN

Fairly common breeding upland resident, passage migrant and winter visitor.

Flints. 287 records with confirmed breeding at Gronant on 26/05 (BaDa), Point of Ayr on 9/07 (MV) and Cilcain Moors on 17/06 (GEM). Max 60 at Rhyl Brickworks on 3/03 (AHJ).

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed at 12 upland localities. Apart from a large flock of 150+ at Horseshoe Pass on 15/09 (AS), the highest count was 42 at Lleweni on 3/03 (JHi).



Tree Pipit *Anthus trivialis*

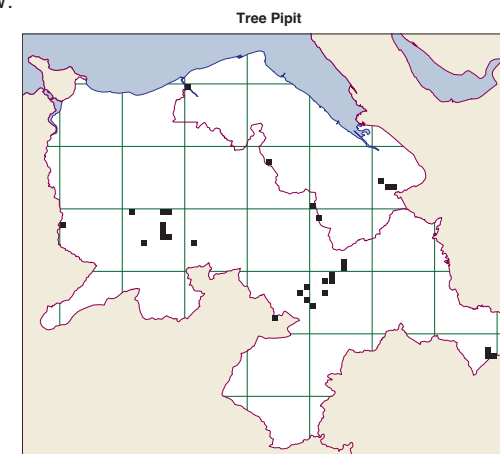
CORHEDYDD Y COED

Scarce breeding summer visitor, mainly in uplands.

Flints. 4 records from 25/04 to 18/09 at Moel Findeg, Penycloddiau, "Clwydian Hills" and Broughton, but no confirmed breeding.

Denbs. Breeding was confirmed at Llyn Brenig on 17/06 (WRM) and there were singing males at Ceiriog Forest, World's End and Horseshoe Pass (DJS, SD, KS, JmHu). Present from 16/04

to 29/09. Max. 6 at both Ceiriog (PW: 1/05) and Llyn Brenig (JJo: 6/05).



Water Pipit *Anthus spinoletta*

CORHEDYDD Y DWR

Rare winter visitor.

Denbs. One record from the Rhos area on 1/01 (JHg).

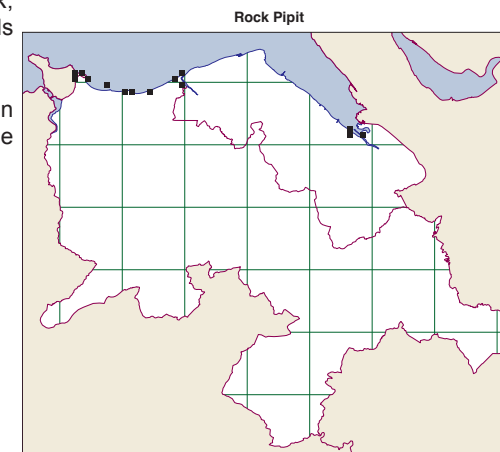
Rock Pipit *Anthus petrosus*

CORHEDYDD Y GRAIG

Scarce winter visitor to coast and estuaries.

Flints. 8 records at Connah's Quay NR, where there were 2 on 25/05 and 1-2 birds during 4/11 to 8/11 (PSH, SK).

Denbs. 15 records (up to 27/03 and again from 12/09 onwards) of 1-2 birds along the coast from Rhos to Kinmel Bay.



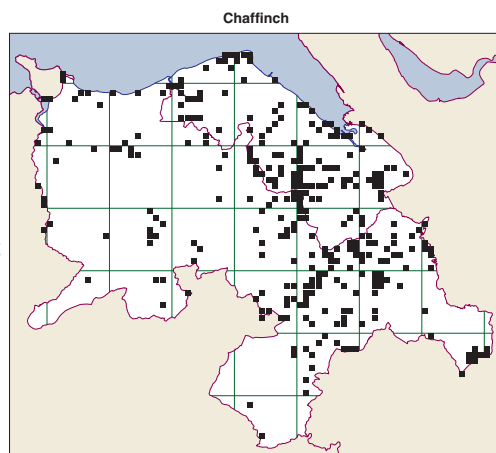
Chaffinch *Fringilla coelebs*

JI-BINC

Very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 656 records with confirmed breeding only at Broughton on 23/05 (AHJ). Max 50 at Connah's Quay NR on 21/11 (PSH).

Denbs. 707 records but no confirmed breeding. The largest feeding flock was 220 in a field near the Berwyns on 23/01 (AlDa), but visible migration over Eirias Park in Colwyn Bay on 2/11 gave a count of 573 (WRM).

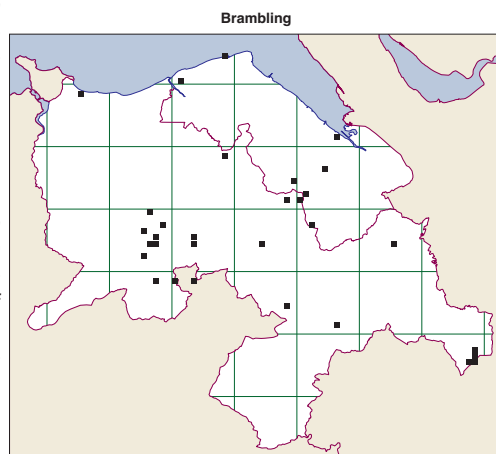
**Brambling** *Fringilla montifringilla*

PINC Y MYNYDD

Uncommon winter visitor.

Flints. 13 records from 10 locations, 2 up to 21/02 and 9 from 25/10 to 26/12. Max 3 at Point of Ayr on 4/11 (RiE). There were 5 winter records from a garden in Gwernymynydd near Mold. Little sign of a spring passage in Mar/Apr, except for a single bird at Maeshafn on 4/04.

Denbs. 38 records, 5 in the early year up to 7/03 and 30 records from 24/10 onwards. Half the records were from the Llyn Brenig area, but the highest count of 25 was at Cefn Coch in the Berwyns on 18/12 (GeT), the only count in double figures.

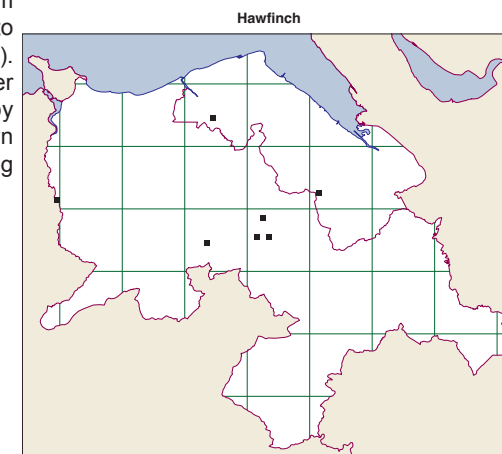
**Hawfinch** *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

GYLFINBRAFF

Rare breeding resident and winter visitor

Flints. One near the river at St Asaph on 16/10 was the only record (JHi).

Denbs. 12 records, 8 of which came from Llanrwst (7 obs, 27/03 and from 16/12 to 28/12) with max. of 6 there on 16/12 (GrJ). The other 4 records were at a bird feeder in Ruthin on 28/04 (per AB), at nearby Efenechtyd on 2/05, at Llanfair Dyffryn Clwyd on 9/12 (RoGr) and in Clocaenog Forest on 24/12 (AHJ).

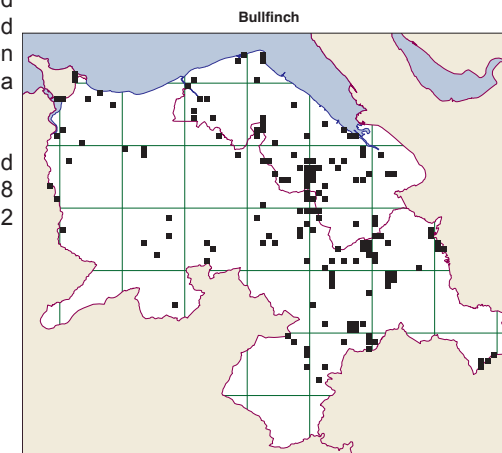
**Bullfinch** *Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

COCH Y BERLLAN

Common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 353 records with confirmed breeding at Rhuddlan on 6/06 (WRM) and Pantymwyn on 14/07 with a 2nd brood on 14/09 (GEM). Max 10 (5 prs together) in a Pantymwyn garden on 3/05 (GEM).

Denbs. 250 records with confirmed breeding in Clocaenog Forest on 18/08 (AHJ). Max 12 at RSPB Conwy on 22/12 (RoH).

**Greenfinch** *Chloris chloris*

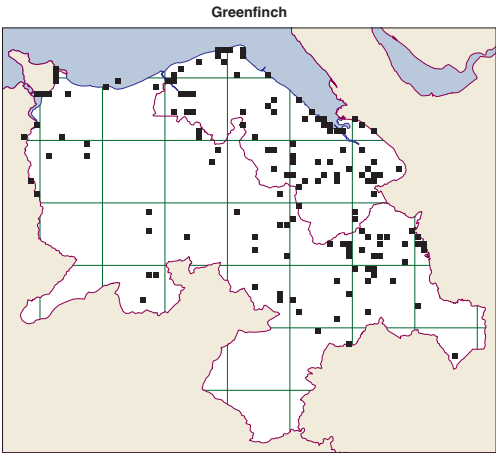
LLINOS WERDD

Very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 609 records with confirmed breeding at Rhuddlan on 6/06 (WRM), Connah's Quay NR on 10/07 (SD) and Pantymwyn where a pair raised 4+ young in a front garden beech tree (GEM). Max 100 at Connah's Quay NR on 2/10 (PSH).

Denbs. 395 records with confirmed breeding at RSPB Conwy (AtG,WRM), Holt (NF) and Rhos

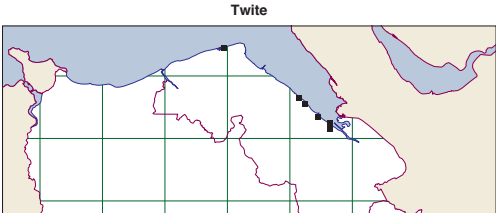
(JHg). Max 22 on a walk near Caerwys (KBr).



Twite *Linaria flavirostris*
Uncommon and very local winter visitor.

LLINOS Y MYNYDD

Flints. 8 records from 7/01 to 18/04 and 3 (all at Connah's Quay NR) from 16/11 to 31/12. The only record away from the inner Dee estuary was of 3 at Gronant on 7/01 (JHi). Max 32 at Flint Castle on 29/01 (GrJ). The highest count at the Connah's Quay NR ringing station was 27 on 28/03 (PSH).



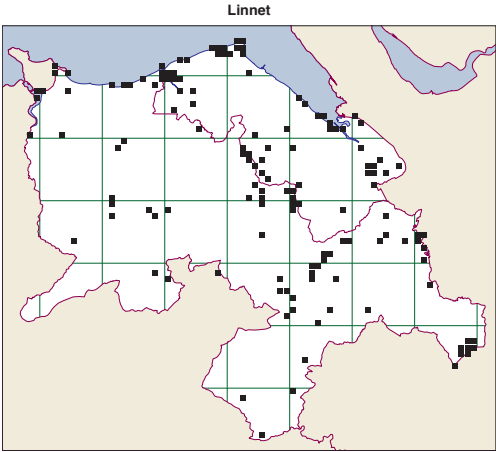
Twite (Peter Haslem)

Linnet *Linaria cannabina*
Fairly common breeding resident and winter visitor.

LLINOS

Flints. 296 records with breeding confirmed at Gronant on 10/06 (AB) and 7/07 (WRM). Max 150 at Bagillt on 25/01 (RGMP) and 70 at Connah's Quay NR on 13/11 (PSH).

Denbs. 324 records with breeding confirmed at 6 localities. Max 149 on 22/09 on the Clwyd estuary (JHi).

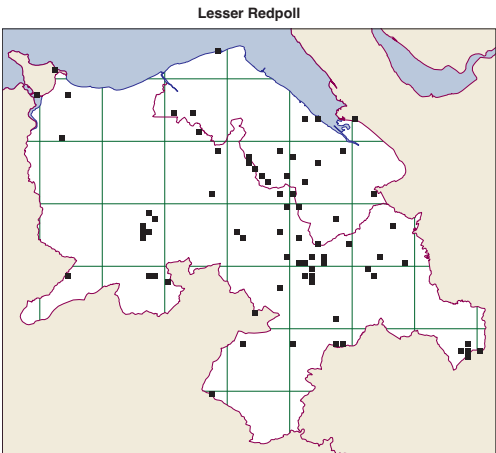


Lesser Redpoll *Acanthis cabaret*
Uncommon breeding resident and winter visitor.

LLINOS BENGGOCH FECHAN

Flints. 68 records from 16 locations (inc. 35 from Pantymwyn). No confirmed breeding, though a pair with 2 juvs was in Pantymwyn on 8/08 (GEM). All except 5 records were during Jan-Jun. Max 16 in a single flock with 1 goldfinch in Pantymwyn on 6/02 (GEM) and 15+ flew over St Asaph Business Park on 2/05 (WRM).

Denbs. 119 records with confirmed breeding at Llyn Brenig on 17/06 (WRM). Max 200 at Fenn's Moss on 6/11 (RHa).



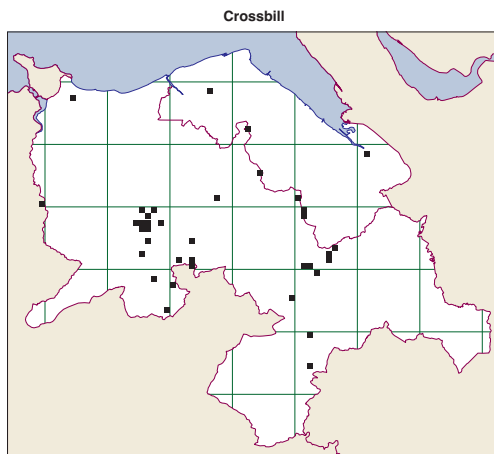
Crossbill *Loxia curvirostra*
Scarce breeding resident and winter visitor.

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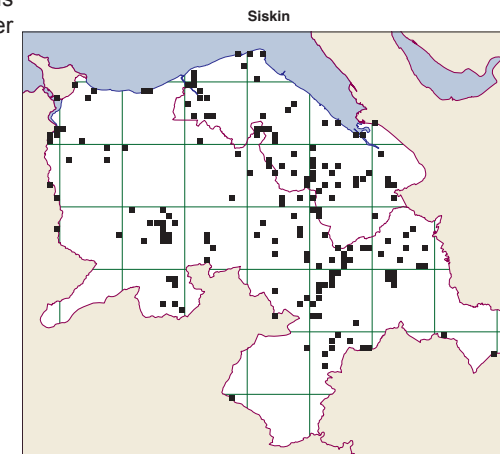
Flints. 6 "winter" records from 6 locations. Max 40+ at Bwlchgwyn on Llandegla moors on 1/01

(SD). 7 flew over Dyserth on 17/10 (JHg), 7 at Caerwys Golf Course on 29/10 (MV) and 5 flew over Queensferry on 4/04 (DWin). At Moel Arthur on 9/10, a female perched on top of a conifer was calling continually for > 1 minute (GEM). Also present Nercwys Forest, a reliable location, on 4/11 (AB) and 20 there on 11/12.

Denbs. 56 records with no breeding confirmed. Max. 50+ at Llyn Alwen on 27/10 (LaS) and 40+ at Bwlchwyn near Wrexham on 1/01 (SD). More than half the records were during Oct-Dec.



Llyn Brenig (WRM) and the Berwyns (GeT). Max. 50 on 19/12 at Hanmer (DaHa).



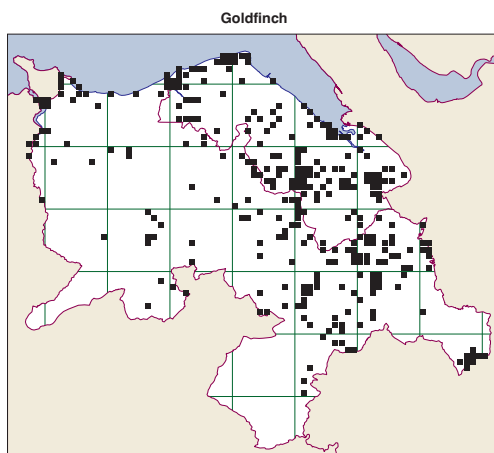
Goldfinch *Carduelis carduelis*

NICO

Very common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 1014 records with breeding confirmed at 6 locations (Connah's Quay NR, Gronant, Rhydymwyn Reserve, Moel Arthur, Buckley, Pantymwyn and St Asaph). Max. 200 at Connah's Quay NR on 3/10 and 9/10 (PSH) and 100 in one flock at Star Crossing on 10/09 (GEM).

Denbs. 807 records with breeding confirmed at RSPB Conwy (WRM) and Tal-y-Cafn in the Conwy Valley (WRM). Max. 86 on the Clwyd estuary on 30/08 (JHi).



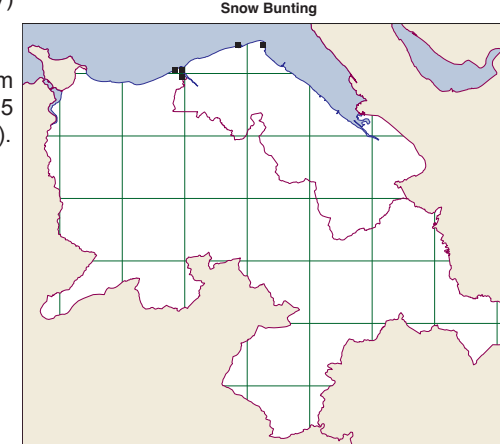
Snow Bunting *Plectrophenax nivalis*

BRAS YR EIRA

Very scarce and local winter visitor.

Flints. One at Point of Ayr on 8/11 (MV) and 2 at Gronant on 19/11 (WRM).

Denbs. The 10 records were all from Horton's Nose from 18/01 to 27/03 (5 obs). Max 4 during 9/03-15/03 (JHi, RiE).



Siskin *Spinus spinus*

PILA GWYRDD

Fairly common breeding resident and winter visitor.

Flints. 218 records with breeding confirmed only at Pantymwyn on 30/07 (GEM). Max 40 at Broughton on 6/11 (AHJ).

Denbs. 296 records with breeding confirmed in Clocaenog Forest (AHJ), Moel Famau (GEM),

Corn Bunting *Emberiza calandra*

BRAS YR YD

Rare winter visitor (former resident).

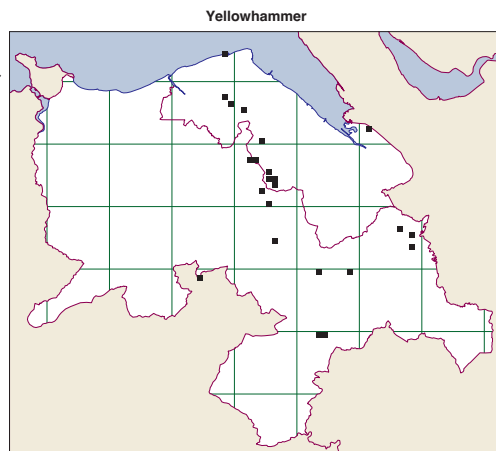
Denbs. All 4 records were close to the English border near Bettisfield with a high count of 24 there on 6/02 (NF), followed by counts of 4-6 during 9/04-10/04 (KS, JmHu, TBT). Submission by JAn accepted by WRBC.

Yellowhammer *Emberiza citrinella*
Uncommon and declining breeding resident.

BRAS MELYN

Flints. 17 records with no confirmed breeding. Max 3 at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EdW). Although most records were from the Clwydians, there were 4 summer records from J29/J30 of the A55 (KBr, AHJ) and 2 winter Garden Birdwatch records from the Chwiler Valley.

Denbs. 29 records with breeding confirmed in the Berwyns, which also had the highest count of 6 (pair with 4 juvs) on 27/08 (JuSh).



Reed Bunting *Emberiza schoeniclus*
Fairly common, but local, breeding resident.

BRAS CYRS

Flints. 164 records with breeding confirmed at two Gronant locations on 9/06 (WRM). There were 69 records of 1-2 birds at Connah's Quay NR throughout the year (PSH). Max 18 at Gronant on 9/06 (WRM).

Denbs. 409 records (190 of which came from Fenn's Moss and 46 from Erddig) with breeding confirmed at Holt (NF) and on the Clwyd estuary (WRM). Max. 23 at Fenn's Moss on 8/07 (RHa).

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Reeve's Pheasant *Syrnaticus reevesii*

Flints. One at Caerwys on 17/04 and 3 (1M,2F) at Penycloddiau Car Park on 24/10.

Denbs. One female at LlanfairTH on 30/04 (RiE).

Indian Peafowl *Pavo cristatus*

PAUN

Flints. 57 records at 11 locations from Garden Birdwatch.

Denbs. One Birdtrack record at Llangwm on 20/07 (AHi) and 32 Garden Birdwatch records from 6 locations.

South African Shelduck *Tadorna cana*

Flints. Seen at Connah's Quay NR on 6 occasions from 11/07 to 28/09 (PSH).

Denbs. 2 males on the Clwyd estuary on 12/07 (WRM).

Ring-necked Parakeet *Psittacula krameri*

PARACIT TORCHOG

Flints. 6 records of 1-2 birds from 4 locations: Llanasa on 31/03 (AB) and 22/04 (PeJ), Rhyl Brickworks on 6/03 and 18/12 (RiE), Rhyl cemetery on 30/10 (JHi) and Rhuddlan on 21/04 (SH). They were also recorded in a garden near Gronant almost weekly from Jul to Dec and once in a Soughton garden in January.

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Locations mentioned in the text. (NNR: National Nature Reserve; LNR: local nature reserve; CP: Country Park; NWWT: North Wales Wildlife Trust; FC: Forestry Commission)

Acrefair: village with a pool at the north end of the Pontcysyllte aqueduct.

Aled Isaf: A reservoir on the Denbigh Moors, visible from the road.

Bagillt: a village overlooking the Dee estuary.

Berwyns: Large range of upland moors between Corwen and Lake Vyrnwy.

Big Pool Wood: a NWWT Reserve near Gronant (open access).

Bod Petryal: parking near a lake in Clocaenog Forest near the B5105.

Bodnant: National Trust Gardens (fee for non-members).

Brymbo: ex-mining village near Wrexham with a pool.

Broughton: the first Welsh village on the A55 from Chester.

Bwlchgwyn: village with quarry and pool on the north edge of the moors west of Wrexham.

Cae Llwyd: a reservoir on the edge of the Ruabon moors near Wrexham.

Ceiriog Forest: forestry plantation in the north Berwyns with public access.

Chwiler (Wheeler) Valley: a pass through the Clwydian range from Rhydymwyn to Bodfari.

Clocaenog Forest: extensive FC conifer plantations on the eastern Denbigh Moors.

Clwyd Estuary: where the R. Clwyd reaches the sea between Rhyl and Kinmel Bay.

Connah's Quay NR: Connah's Quay Nature Reserve (on Power Station land: members only) with hides overlooking Oakenholt Marsh (RSPB).

Cyfyngwy: an isolated lake on the Llandegla moors.

Denbigh Moors: aka Mynydd Hiraethog, vast open uplands between Llyn Brenig and Llanrwst.

Eglwyseg: a small village nestling below the Ruabon moors below World's End.

Erddig: National Trust property (entry fee) near Wrexham, surrounded by Country Park (open access).

Esclusham Mountain: northern part of heather moorlands west of Wrexham.

Fagl Lane: an ex-quarry with large lake (entry fee, or partial views from public footpaths outside).

Fenn's Moss: NNR spanning the England-Wales border (with Whixall Moss [Eng.]).

Ffynnon Fish Ponds: small fishing ponds on the A494 Mold-Ruthin road (public footpath).

Garreg Ddu: a peak in the southern Berwyns.

Glyn Arthur: Wooded farmland below Moel Arthur on the west side of the Clwydian Range.

Gronant: LNR with dunes, wetlands and nesting Little Tern colony.

Gresford Flash: a well-watched roadside pool between Gresford and Wrexham.

Hanmer Mere: Lake in the centre of Hanmer village in the Maelor.

Holt: village with meadows on the English border east of Wrexham.

Horseshoe Falls: tourist site upstream along the canal from Llangollen.

Horton's Nose: LNR with beach and shingle areas at the mouth of the R. Clwyd (Kinmel Bay).

Is-y-Coed: village on the Dee valley plain east of Wrexham.

Llanddulas: a car park at Wern Road on the shingle beach good for sea-watching at high tide.

Llanddulas Quarry: on the other side of the A55 from the beach area.

Llandrillo-yn-Rhos: small town above Rhos-on-Sea.

Llanffyllin: village in a river valley south of the Berwyns.

Llay: a large pool adjacent to Alyn Waters CP near Wrexham.

Lleweni: the grounds of Lleweni Hall between Denbigh and Bodfari (public footpaths and access to R. Clwyd).

Llyn Brenig: a large reservoir in the Denbigh Moors, with an Osprey viewing site and a NWWT heathland reserve at its northern end.

Llyn Gweryd: a private commercial fishing lake in the Clwydians near Llanarmon-Yn-Ial that can be viewed from a public footpath.

Llyn Helyg: a private fishing lake in the northern Clwydians with very limited access by public

footpath.

Maes Mynan: a large sand-extraction pool on the Mold-Denbigh road (limited views).

Migneint: moorland north of the Arenigs in Snowdonia.

Minera: village near Wrexham with adjacent NWWT Reserve (ex-quarry).

Moel Arthur: Hill-fort on Offa's Dyke Path in the Clwydian Range; marshy area near the car park.

Moel Famau: Highest point on Offa's Dyke Path in the Clwydian Range.

Moel Fferna: one of the peaks in the north Berwyns.

Moel Llys-y-coed: Clwydian Range, near Moel Arthur.

Nannerch Fishery: The Walgoch fish ponds on the Penbedw estate (visible from the road).

Nant-y-Ffrith: a reservoir on the Llandegla, surrounded by woodland.

Nercwys Forest: a forestry commission, largely-coniferous woodland with paths for cyclists and dog-walkers. A traditional site for nightjar and (formerly) woodcock.

Padeswood Pool: pool east of Buckley with limited access.

Pantywmyn: a village on the limestone above the R. Alyn.

Pensarn: a beach near Abergele.

PenYCae: village with two reservoirs on the SE edge of Ruabon moors.

Penycloddiau: Hill-fort on Offa's Dyke Path in the Clwydian Range.

Point of Ayr: the RSPB Reserve at Point of Ayr at the mouth of the Dee Estuary, A footpath from the village of Talacre leads to a hide for high tide birdwatching.

Pontcysyllte: the canal viaduct area around the R. Dee at Froncysyllte.

Rhos: important point for sea watching and roost for waders.

Rhuddlan: town on the R. Clwyd with a LNR by the river.

Rhydymwyn: village in the Chwiler valley near Mold with a LNR .

Rhyl Brickworks Pool: accessible pool near Rhyl.

Rhyl Marine Lake: large pool by the A548, above the river at Rhyl.

Rhyl Splash Point: a bend in Marine Drive in the east of Rhyl.

RSPB Conwy: RSPB Reserve with access from the A55 near Conwy.

Ruabon Moors: large area of heather moorland west of Wrexham.

Shotton Papermill: lagoons within the factory grounds (no public access).

Shotton Steelworks: pools within the factory with a tern nesting colony (no public access).

Shotwick Lake: boating lake on the English border near RSPB Burton Mere.

Sontley: area near Erddig.

Star Crossing: pools close to the Mold-Denbigh road south of Hendre (visible from the road).

Sycarth: castle ruins in the Tanat valley SW of Oswestry.

Tal-y-cafn: wooded area by the R. Conwy near Bodnant.

Trevalyn: wet meadows near Rossett, NE of Wrexham.

Ty Mawr: another reservoir on the edge of the Ruabon moors near Wrexham.

Vivod: peak in the Berwyns north of Ceiriog Forest.

Walwen Marsh: Dee estuary between Bagillt and Greenfield.

White Sands: tidal marshes across the river Dee from Connah's Quay NR.

World's End: scenic area with cliffs at the south end of Ruabon moors near Wrexham.

Ysceifiog: a large private wooded lake with a public footpath on one side.