



Montgomeryshire Bird Report 2016

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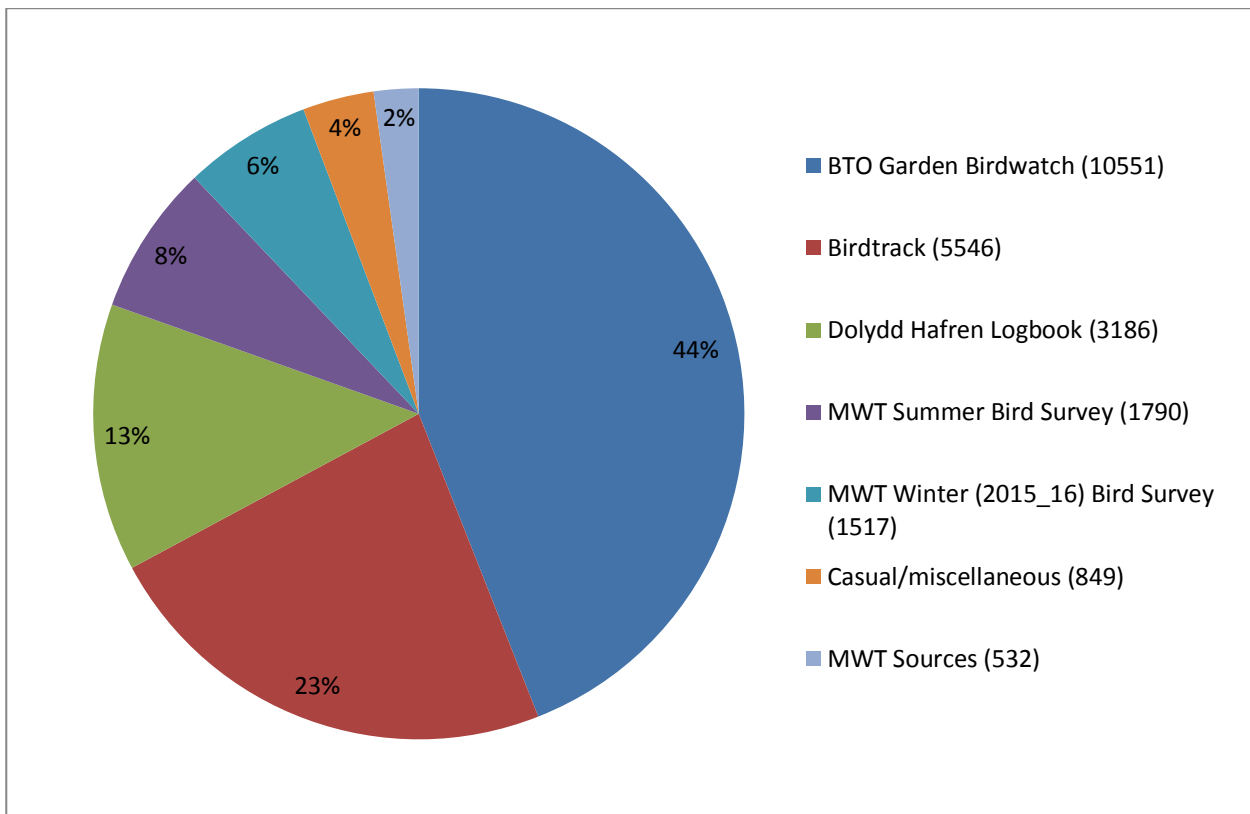
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Front Cover: Curlew at Lake Vyrnwy RSPB, May 2016 (image by Trail camera).

Montgomeryshire County Bird Records - Source of Data in 2016



Almost 24,000 records were collated for the production of this report and the pie chart above gives an approximate indication of the source of these records. There were about 3,000 fewer records in 2016 than in 2015 - Birdtrack records were lower by c.1,500 and those from Dolydd Hafren were reduced by c.2,000.

The **British Trust for Ornithology** is a very important information source providing Garden Birdwatch, Birdtrack and Bird Ringing data (the latter not included in the chart/dataset above but some is used anecdotally throughout the report). No other BTO survey data is included. The Birdtrack data is valuable though ensuring integrity of the dataset initially provided by the BTO requires significant manual effort. Nevertheless, Birdtrack is an excellent mechanism for collating and standardising records and people are encouraged to use Birdtrack to record their sightings.

The **Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust** Garden Bird Survey is an extremely useful data source (more information on this survey in the relevant section below, page 26). Various other MWT surveys provide data as does the MWT reserve, Dolydd Hafren (for which, the hide logbook records are shown separately above).

The 'casual records' in the chart above have been obtained from a range of sources e.g. **RSPB** Lake Vyrnwy, **Montgomeryshire Barn Owl Group**, the Montgomeryshire Bird Blog and various letters, emails and verbal sightings from individuals throughout the year.

Thank you everyone. Please keep up the good work.

The Weather 2016

Overall 2016 was slightly warmer and drier than average. However, it didn't feel like that. January and June adversely affected breeding birdlife by being notably wet. Annual rainfall figures were rebalanced later in the year with October and December drier than average.

January was relatively mild but very wet. Indeed, January 2016 was the seventh wettest January since records began in 1910. February was a bit chillier but generally mild and once again, it was wet (133% of average rainfall overall). This wet weather badly impacted Tawny Owl breeding attempts and Crossbill were notably absent.



A Shelduck in the February rain at Llyn Coed y Dinas by Mark Wilson.

Drier, cooler conditions prevailed in March with just 89% of average rainfall and the mean temperature was 0.5°C below the long-term average. April was typically changeable (colder and wetter than average) with a sting in the tail when wintry showers were experienced 26th-29th.

May was wet to start although temperatures did reach 20°C for the first time in the year. June was warm but very wet with almost twice the normal rainfall. Indeed, the summer months overall were quite wet, with just average temperatures. In the middle of July there was a mini heat-wave and the temperature reached 32.6°C at Commins Coch.

September continued the theme of warm and wet but easterly winds in October brought respite from the rain (plus some migrant birds). October 2016 was the sixth driest October since 1910.

Dry weather continued into November. Rainfall in December was also well below average with mild conditions (December was 1.8°C above the long-term average).

Systematic Species List 2016

A total of 157 species were recorded in Montgomeryshire in 2016.

Key: - Status/Frequency – An estimate for Montgomeryshire in 2016

R - Resident; W - winter; S - summer; B - breeding; P - passage

- 1 Very rare, fewer than 10 records ever
- 2 Rare, > 10 records but not annual
- 3 Scarce (10 – 100 birds occurring or pairs breeding annually)
- 4 Reasonably Common (100 – 1000 birds occurring or pairs breeding annually)
- 5 Common

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor*

Alarch Dof

RB4

Max counts of 19 on 24th Jan and 15 on 4th Sept, both at Llyn Coed y Dinas.

WHOOPER SWAN *Cygnus cygnus*

Alarch y Gogledd

W3

Present from 12th Jan to 13th Mar at Aberhafesp, with a peak count there of 15 on 5th March. 3 flew down river at Cors Dyfi on 23rd March. 2 were at Dolydd Hafren on 5th and 9th Oct, and 9 at Lake Vyrnwy on 3rd Nov, with 3 different individuals also there on 7th Nov. 8 birds were at Aberhafesp (6 adult, 2 juvenile) on 8th Dec and there were 3 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 11th Dec.



Whooper Swans at Llyn Coed y Dinas, December 2016 by Chris Townsend

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus*

Gwydd droed-binc

W2

Circa 80 high overhead at Welshpool on 28th Jan. A flock of unknown size was heard at night at Llyn Hir on 20th Oct.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Gwydd Wylt

RB4

Feral population present. The peak count was c.100 on 27th Dec at Dolydd Hafren.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Gwydd Canada

RB5

Feral population present. High counts were c.500 on 7th and 10th Jan at Dolydd Hafren.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Gwydd Wyran

R2/W3

Single birds of presumed feral origin were reported from Llyn Coed y Dinas on 22nd May and Cors Dyfi on 30th Aug.

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Hwyaden yr Eithin

RB3/W3

No records July - Oct. Otherwise reported from Dolydd Hafren or Llyn Coed y Dinas in the other months (usually in singles or as a pair).

MANDARIN DUCK *Aix galericulata*

Hwyaden Gribog

RB3

All sightings came from Rivers Cain, Tanat and Vyrnwy, Lake Vyrnwy, Llyn Coed y Dinas and Powis Castle Park. A peak count of 11 were at Lake Vyrnwy on 23rd Oct. Breeding was noted at Lake Vyrnwy, and along Rivers Cain and Tanat.

WIGEON *Anas penelope*

Chwiwell

W5

High count of 90 at Llyn Du on 8th Dec.



Wigeon at Llyn Coed y Dinas, October 2016 by Edd Cottell

GADWALL *Anas strepera*

Hwyaden Lwyd

R1/W2

Reported only from Llyn Coed y Dinas with up to 2 birds there on 18th and 24th January.

TEAL *Anas crecca*

Corhwyaden

RB1/W4/P

92 sightings were received with just four made during May-July. 300 Teal were at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 2nd Dec.

MALLARD *Anas platyrhynchos*

Hwyaden Wylt

RB5/P/W5

Widespread. Highest count received was 140 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 8th Dec.

PINTAIL *Anas acuta*

Hwyaden Lostfain

W3/P

3 were at Dolydd Hafren on 28th Feb with 4 there on 24th Aug. Up to 5 were at Llyn Coed y Dinas in the first week of March. 2 were present at the same location from 30th Nov to 2nd Dec.

SHOVELER *Anas clypeata*

Hwyaden Lydanbig

RB1/W3/P

Very scarce. 2 were at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 16th Apr, with up to 2 birds also there 14th Nov-8th Dec.



Drake Shoveler at Llyn Coed y Dinas, April 2016 by Chris Townsend

POCHARD *Aythya ferina*

Hwyaden Bengoch

W2

Just one record of a singleton at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 2nd Mar.

TUFTED DUCK *Aythya fuligula*

Hwyaden Gopog

RB3/W5

Max count of 34 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 23rd Mar.

SCAUP *Aythya marila*

Hwyaden Benddu

P2/W

A flock of 4 at Marsh's Pool, Llangurig included 3 drakes on 18th Mar. First county record since 2012.

COMMON SCOTER *Melanitta nigra*

Mor-hwyaden Ddu

P3

All records came from Lake Vyrnwy with 1 on 17th July, 9 on 26th July, 1 on 6th Sept, and 7 on 12th Nov.

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

Hwyaden Lygad-aur

W3/P

Just 13 scattered records of which only four were in the second winter period. Max count was 5 birds at Fan Pool on 6th March.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Hwyaden Frongoch

RB2/W3

A single redhead was observed at Lake Vyrnwy on 27th Sept.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

Hwyaden Ddanheddog

RB4

Widespread and recorded all year round.

RED GROUSE *Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

Grugiar

RB4

Present at Lake Glaslyn and Lake Vyrnwy in small numbers.

BLACK GROUSE *Tetrao tetrix*

Grugiar Ddu

RB3

9 lekking males were counted at Lake Vyrnwy in 2016.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Petrisen Goesgoch

RB4/W5

Scattered records.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus*

Ffesant

RB5/W5

Widespread and abundant, especially in areas where they are released for shooting.

LITTLE GREBE *Tachybaptus ruficollis*

Gwyach Fach

RB3/W3

Present in small numbers.



Little Grebe at Pwll Penarth, March 2016 by Meurig Garbutt

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Gwyach Gopog

RB3/W3

Less frequently reported than Little Grebe.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Mulfran

R4/W

Maximum counts were 17 at Dolydd Hafren on 17th Mar and, at Llyn Coed y Dinas, there were 31 on 22nd Oct and 32 on 20th Dec.

BITTERN *Botaurus stellaris*

Aderyn y Bwn

P1/W1

The only records came from Cors Dyfi with a bird present 10th - 17th Jan and again on 23rd Mar.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Creyr Bach

RB3/W

Absent from the county from May through to July. A max of 6 were at Dolydd Hafren on 14th Jan.



Little Egret at Llyn Coed y Dinas, December 2016 by Brian Pollard

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba*

Creyr Mawr Gwyn

V2

Just one record from the Upper Dyfi Estuary on 24th Oct.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Creyr Glas

RB4

Present. No reports received from heronries.

WHITE STORK *Ciconia ciconia*

Ciconia Gwyn

V1

A bird drifting over Cors Dyfi on 12th April was the first county record since 1993.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus*

Barcud Coch

RB4

Widespread. The max count was 26 around Llangurig on 26th Oct.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus*

Bod y Gwerni

P2

Sightings came from Cors Dyfi (29th Apr), Dolydd Hafren (22nd May) and Lake Vyrnwy (29th Aug).

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Bod Tinwen

RB3

Passage birds were reported from Dolanog, Cors Dyfi (and the Dyfi Valley) and Llyn Hir. At Lake Vyrnwy two pairs attempted to breed but failed.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Gwalch Marth

RB4

Widespread but under reported.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Gwalch Glas

RB4

Present.

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Bwncath

RB5

Common. The highest counts were all from Dolydd Hafren, particularly during May with a maximum of c.30 soaring on thermals on the evening of 30th May.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

Gwalch y Pysgod

RB3/P3

2 pairs bred in Montgomeryshire in 2016. At Cors Dyfi, 2 chicks fledged but one died a week later. At the other nest site in the south of the county, 3 chicks fledged. Elsewhere, there were scattered records of passage birds with the first on 25th Mar at Powis Castle and the last on 11th Oct from Lake Vyrnwy.

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Cudyll Coch

RB3

Scarce. Just 23 records received.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Cudyll Bach

RB2/P3/W

Very scarce! One or two birds were present at Lake Vyrnwy but did not breed. It is doubtful that Merlin bred in the county in 2016.

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Hebog yr Ehedydd

RB2/P3

Records from scattered sites between 22nd Apr and 29th Aug. It is likely a handful of pairs bred.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Hebog Tramor

RB3

Present.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Rhegen y Dwr

RB2/P3/W

Winter records were received from the Cors Dyfi, Dolydd Hafren, The Flash (Welshpool), Llyn Coed y Dinas and Pwll Penarth. However, no sightings were reported in 2016 between May and August (so breeding is unlikely to have occurred). The highest count was 6 at Dolydd Hafren on 18th Dec.



Water Rail at Llyn Coed y Dinas, November 2016 by Brian Pollard

MOORHEN <i>Gallinula chloropus</i>	Iar Ddwr
RB4/W Highest counts were 12 at Dolydd Hafren on 20th and 27th March.	
COOT <i>Fulica atra</i>	Cwtiar
RB4/W/P Maximum counts were 15 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 7th and 17th Aug.	
OYSTERCATCHER <i>Haematopus ostralegus</i>	Pioden y Mor
RB3/W Records were from Feb-July (inclusive). Up to 3 breeding pairs at Dolydd Hafren and 1 pair at Caersws.	
LITTLE RINGED PLOVER <i>Charadrius dubius</i>	Cwtiad Torchog Bach
RB3/P Present from 27th Mar to 19th June at Dolydd Hafren where up to 3 pairs made breeding attempts. A few records from elsewhere on the River Severn.	
RINGED PLOVER <i>Charadrius hiaticula</i>	Cwtiad Torchog
P3 At least 2 (possibly 3) birds at Lake Glaslyn on 21st Aug. A colour ringed bird was seen on the Berwyns near Lake Vyrnwy on 4th May. It transpires this bird was seen on the same day at Cowny and Llandudno as it worked its way south (see ringing recoveries - page 31).	
GOLDEN PLOVER <i>Pluvialis apricaria</i>	Cwtiad Aur
RB3/W3/P Few records received. Llyn Hir held 150 on 25th Oct and there were 40 at the same site on 25th Sept. 50 were reported from Llwynderw on 29th Dec. The only other locations from which birds were reported were Cors Dyfi (in May) and Llandinam Moor (March).	
LAPWING <i>Vanellus vanellus</i>	Cornchwiglen
RB3/W4 The peak count was c.800 at Dolydd Hafren on 10th Jan. Up to 3 pairs attempted to breed in the Llanidloes area. A flock of c.40 in stubble fields on the Wern on 5th July contained adults and juveniles.	
DUNLIN <i>Calidris alpina schinzii</i>	Pibydd y Mawn
P3/W A singleton visited Llyn Coed y Dinas on 14th Apr. Another was at Dolydd Hafren between 12th-13th May, with one also at Dolydd Hafren on 24th Aug.	
JACK SNIBE <i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	Giach Fach
W3/P The majority of records come from near Llyn Hir where a study of the species is underway. The max count from there was 7 in Oct. Other records of single birds came from Dyfnant Meadows, Lake Vyrnwy and Llyn Coed y Dinas (all Dec).	
SNIBE <i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	Giach Gyffredin
RB3/W4 Scattered winter records. Unrecorded in the county July-Aug 2016 and just one record in May (Dolydd Hafren) and June (Stiperstones/Shropshire border). Max winter count was c.100 near Llyn Hir in October.	

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

Cyfflog

RB2/W5/P

Just 7 scattered winter records received for what is a widespread nocturnal wintering species in the county. Birdwatchers do not venture out at night!

BLACK-TAILED GODWIT *Limosa limosa*

Rhostog Gynffonddu

P2

2 reported from Dolydd Hafren on 16th Oct.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Coeglyfinir

P3

A singleton was present at Dolydd Hafren on 5th May.

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Glyfinir

RB3/W4

The max count was 86+ at Dolydd Hafren on 13th Mar. Scattered breeding attempts reported elsewhere e.g. breeding was probably successful at Castell Caereinion, with birds present May to June, and 2 adults and 1 juvenile observed there w/e 19th June.

SPOTTED REDSHANK *Tringa erythropus*

Pibydd Coesgoch Mannog

RB3/W4

One on a pool on the Upper Dyfi estuary just about made it into Montgomeryshire air space when it took flight on 22nd Aug.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Pibydd Coesgoch

RB3/P4

Dolydd Hafren recorded singles on 13th and 22nd Mar, 22nd May and 11th Sept. 2 were at Lake Vyrnwy on 22nd Mar. Redshank were also present on the Dyfi estuary.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Pibydd Gwyrdd

P3/W3

Recorded at Dolydd Hafren in all months except May & July. 4 was the peak count there (4th Jan). Elsewhere, the species was recorded at Caersws in Mar & Oct, and west of Llanidloes on 28th Aug.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Pibydd y Dorlan

SB4

Reported in the county from 23rd Mar to 31st Oct when birds were seen at Caersws. In between these dates breeding attempts will undoubtedly have been made on county rivers and water bodies.



Common Sandpiper at Pwll Penarth, April 2016 by Meurig Garbutt

TURNSTONE *Arenaria interpres*

Cwtiad y Traeth

P1

A single at Dolydd Hafren on 13th May became only the second county record (the first, a sighting of 3 birds at the same site on 26th June 2002).

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus melanocephalus*

Gwylan Mor y Canoldir

P3

One at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 12th May and then 2 (adult & 2nd summer) showed signs of nest building there for a week from 22nd May. The only other record was from Dolydd Hafren on 29th May (also the final date on which the pair was seen at Llyn Coed y Dinas).

LITTLE GULL *Larus minutus*

Gwylan Fechan

P2

A first winter bird visited Llyn Coed y Dinas on 17th Mar, with 2 (adult & immature) there on 12th Apr, plus one on 14th. First winter birds were reported from Dolydd Hafren on 17th Apr and from Llyn Coed y Dinas on 30th Apr, with a bird also at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 3rd May.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Gwylan Benddu

RB4/W5/P

420 were counted at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 23rd Mar where the birds went onto breed. By mid June, 206 chicks were estimated to have fledged with a further estimated 62 nests still underway. The highest count of the species elsewhere in the county was 82 at Llyn Mawr on 17th May.



Black-headed Gull fledglings at Llyn Coed y Dinas, June 2016 by Mark Wilson

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Gwylan y Gweunydd

P3/W

2 were at Dolydd Hafren on 16th Oct. A sick individual at Lake Vyrnwy on 19th Oct was taken into care.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Gwylan Gefnddu Leiaf

RB3/P4/W4

500 at Caersws on 1st Jan and 200 at Dolydd Hafren on 13th July were the highest counts.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Gwylan y Penwaig

RB4

700 at Welshpool on 1st Jan and 200 near Llyn Clywedog on 6th Dec were the maxima.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Gwylan Gefnddu Fwyaf

P3

Records of a few individuals between Jan and Apr came from Caersws, Dolydd Hafren, Cors Dyfi and Marsh's Pool. A singleton was west of Llanidloes w/e 8th May. Dolydd Hafren also reported singles in Aug and Dec.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

Colomen y Graig/Colomen Ddof

RB5

Present.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Colomen Wylt

RB5

The largest flock was 120 at Aberhafesp on 17th Jan.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Ysguthan

RB5/P/W

Present.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Turtur Dorchog

RB5

Present.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Cog

SB3/P

Scattered, sparse records. The first of the year was at Cors Dyfi on 20th Apr.



Juvenile Cuckoo in the Dyfnant Forest by Mark Williams

BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Tylluan Wen

RB3

32 successful breeding pairs produced 87 chicks.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Tylluan Fach

RB3

The resident pair at Dolydd Hafren were present Mar-Aug. Otherwise few records were received from half a dozen scattered locations.

TAWNY OWL *Strix aluco*

Tylluan Frech

RB5

2015 was a very good year for Tawny Owl but 2016 was awful for the species. A wet winter and spring resulted in birds unfit to breed. For example, at RSPB Lake Vyrnwy at least 18 young had fledged in 2015, but in 2016 there was just one owlet.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Tylluan Glustiog

RB2/P/W3

Only one record of a bird from just over the county border on the Ceri Ridgeway (12th Jan) which was last seen drifting towards Montgomeryshire.

NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Troellwr

SB4

Under-recorded. The only record received in 2016 came from the public Nightjar event at Lake Vyrnwy.

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Gwennol Ddu

SB4

The first of the year was at Cors Dyfi on 24th April. The highest count was 150-200 over Gorn Hill on 2nd July. A comment on MWT Garden Surveys suggested lower numbers than usual around Welshpool and Llanymynech during the summer.

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Glas y Dorlan

RB4

Present.

HOOPOE *Upupa epops*

Copog

SB1/V2

One was present near Foel between 7th-8th May.



Hoopoe near Foel, May 2016 by Nick Smithers

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Cnocell Werdd

RB3

Scarce. A few records, mostly from the east of the county.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopus major*

Cnocell Fraith Fwyaf

RB5

Widespread. Common.

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER <i>Dendrocopus minor</i>	Cnocell Fraith Leiaf
RB2 Sightings were made of a single bird at Powis Castle on 25th Jan and 6th March. Recorded at Dolydd Hafren on 17th & 19th April with 2 (a male and a juvenile) reported there on 7th Aug.	
SKYLARK <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	Ehedydd
RB4/P/W Present. The highest count came from near Llanymynech with 20+ at the beginning of November increasing to 40+ in December.	
SAND MARTIN <i>Riparia riparia</i>	Gwennol y Glennydd
SB5 The first arrived on 24th March at Dolydd Hafren with peak counts of c.200 there at the end of June.	
SWALLOW <i>Hirundo rustica</i>	Gwennol
SB5/P The first of 2016 was on 25th March at Llyn Coed y Dinas with the last recorded on 7th Oct from the Wern. The peak count was 200+ at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 15th Apr.	
HOUSE MARTIN <i>Delichon urbica</i>	Gwennol y Bondo
SB5 The first was at Cors Dyfi on 31st March. A handful of MWT garden bird surveys reported late birds w/e 2nd Oct and the latest record was near Montgomery on 2nd Oct. The max count was 200 at Pwll Penarth on 25th May.	
TREE PIPIT <i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Corhedydd y Coed
SB4/P The earliest record was on 8th April near Llanidloes.	
MEADOW PIPIT <i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Corhedydd y Waun
SB5/P Present.	
YELLOW WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	Siglen Felen
SB3 This summer visitor is now rare in the county. Just a handful of sightings were made between 10th Apr - 1st Sept. Dolydd Hafren was the most reliable place to see the species with breeding probable there.	
GREY WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Siglen Lwyd
RB4/W Resident and widespread.	
PIED WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	Siglen Fraith
RB5/P/W Widespread. 81 at roost at Pwll Penarth on 28th March was the highest count.	

WAXWING *Bombycilla garrulous*

Cynffon Sidan

W3

The first Waxwings were recorded in the county since 2013. The earliest confirmed sighting was 6 overhead at Coedway flying towards Shrewsbury on 18th Dec. A singleton was then present at Machynlleth from 20th-26th Dec. A flock of 7 enjoyed ornamental berries at Bryn du Road, Llanidloes on 27th Dec. Guilsfield held 12 on 28th Dec. From the 29th Dec, a flock of 40+ (on 30th) could be seen at various sites in Newtown. A further 12 were at Welshpool on 30th Dec.



Waxwing at Machynlleth, December 2016 by Keith Lewis

DIPPER *Cinclus cinclus*

Bronwen-y-Dwr

RB4

Present.

WREN *Troglodytes troglodytes*

Dryw

RB5

Present.

DUNNOCK *Prunella modularis*

Llwyd y Gwrych

RB5

Present.

ROBIN *Erithacus rubecula*

Robin Goch

RB5/P

Present.

REDSTART *Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

Tingoch

SB4

The first of the year was on 7th April at Dolydd Hafren and the last record was of 2 there on 18th Sept.

WHINCHAT *Saxicola rubetra*

Crec yr Eithin

SB3

The majority of records came from Lake Vyrnwy and Llangynog with confirmed breeding at both sites. The only other report was of a bird at Llyn Mawr on 16th June.

STONECHAT *Saxicola torquata*

Clochdar y Cerrig

W2/SB4

Scattered records were received from March onwards.

WHEATEAR *Oenanthe oenanthe*

Tinwen y Garn

SB4/P5

Present from 23rd Mar (Dolydd Hafren) to 3rd Oct (Llandinam Moor).

RING OUZEL *Turdus torquatus*

Mwyalchen y Mynydd

SB2/P3

At least one male was present at the traditional Lake Vyrnwy passage site (y Gadfa) from 13th to 20th April. A male carrying food near Llangynog on 6th June was an excellent record. The final sighting of 2016 was a singleton on 20th Oct with winter thrushes at Long Mountain.



Male Ring Ouzel at Lake Vyrnwy, April 2016 by Gavin Chambers

BLACKBIRD *Turdus merula*

Mwyalchen

RB5/W/P

Present. 50 at Dolydd Hafren on 16th Oct was the highest count.

FIELDFARE *Turdus pilaris*

Socan Eira

W5/P

The last bird of spring was seen on 27th Apr near Llanidloes. The first autumn bird was also there on 11th Oct. Peak counts in the first winter period were 100 at Dolydd Hafren on 7th Jan, and Pontrobert on 19th Jan. At least 750 were at Lake Vyrnwy on 23rd Oct, with 200+ around Frochas Common w/e 20th Nov.

SONG THRUSH *Turdus philomelos*

Bronfraith

RB5/P/W

Present. The highest counts were 20+ birds at Dolydd Hafren on 10th Jan and 30th Oct.

REDWING *Turdus iliacus*

Coch Dan-aden

W5/P

Redwing remained in spring until 20th March (Dolydd Hafren) and returned in the autumn on 11th Sept (Crewgreen). 200+ were at Welshpool on 4th Oct, and c250 were at Lake Vyrnwy on 23rd Oct. Dolydd Hafren held 300 on 16th Nov and, at Newtown, there were 200 on 29th Dec.

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Brych y Coed

RB5

Present.

CETTI'S WARBLER *Cettia cetti*

Telor Cetti

R2

More records were received in 2016 than ever before. Pwll Penarth had a singing male on 23rd March, 10th & 22nd Apr with other records in between. The last sighting from Pwll Penarth was on 25th May. Dolydd Hafren recorded a bird on 29th May. Winter records were received from Dolydd Hafren on 30th Oct, 27th Nov and 18th Dec.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella naevia*

Troellwr Bach

SB4/P

An under recorded species with the only records coming from the Cors Dyfi, The Wern, Lake Vyrnwy and west of Llanidloes.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Telor yr Hesg

SB4

A broader range of sites reported this species than usual, the first of which was Cors Dyfi on 14th Apr. Whilst the usual reed bed sites recorded Sedge Warbler (see Reed Warbler below) some smaller water bodies also did so e.g. Marsh's Pool, Fan Pool and Severn Farm Pond MWT.

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Telor y Cyrs

SB3

Pretty much confined to the reed beds of Cors Dyfi, Dolydd Hafren, Llyn Coed y Dinas and Pwll Penarth. The first of the year was at Cors Dyfi on 9th Apr and the final sighting was from Dolydd Hafren on 11th Sept.

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Llwydfon Fach

SB3/P

Rarely reported. Dolydd Hafren dominates the records with breeding confirmed there. The only other records came from Middletown (with the first of the year on 17th April), Ty Brith MWT, The Wern and Pontrobert.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Llwydfon

SB4/P

Present in the county from 24th Apr (Dolydd Hafren) to 17th Aug (also at Dolydd Hafren).



Whitethroat, Montgomeryshire, May 2016 by Trevor Gould

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Telor yr Ardd

SB5/P

The first of 2016 was seen at Aberbechan on 12th April with the last 2 birds sighted at Dolydd Hafren on 19th Sept.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Telor Penddu

SB5/P/W3

There were no over wintering birds in January and just 2 in February. Later in the year there were 3 birds in November and 3 in December.

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Telor Aelfelyn

P1

The second record for Montgomeryshire was a bird at Lake Vyrnwy from 11th to 15th October.

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Telor y Coed

SB4

Birds were present in the county from 21st April (Coed Pendugwm and Pontrobert).

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Siff-saff

SB5/P/W3

Wintering individuals numbered 4 in Jan, and 2 in Feb. Then, 7 in Nov (including 4 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 19th), and 8 in Dec.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Telor yr Helyg

SB5/P

In 2015, birds were reported at Dolydd Hafren on 13th, 23rd and 27th March with the first singing bird elsewhere at Coedway on 2nd April. The last accepted record was at Dolydd Hafren on 18th Sept.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Dryw Eurben

RB5/P/W

Present.

FIRECREST *Regulus ignicapillus*

Dryw Penfflamgoch

SB2/P1

A male was trapped and ringed at Lake Vyrnwy on 2nd Oct. Another was at Pwll Penarth on 18th Dec.



Firecrest, Lake Vyrnwy, October 2016 by Gavin Chambers

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Gwybedog Mannog

SB4/P

The first of 2016 was at Glansevern on 3rd May. Otherwise, scattered records.



Spotted Flycatcher at nest near Llanfyllin by Decia Blacker

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Gwybedog Brith

SB5

A male on 10th April at Llanfyllin was the earliest record in 2016. Heavy rain in mid June caused higher than normal mortality in relatively large Pied Flycatcher chicks throughout the county. At Lake Vyrnwy, there were 93 nests in 2016.

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Titw Gynffon-hir

RB5

Present. 30+ at Dolydd Hafren on 16th Oct was the highest count.

MARSH TIT *Parus palustris*

Titw'r Wern

RB4

Present but infrequently reported.

WILLOW TIT *Parus montanus*

Titw'r Helyg

RB3

The UK population has fallen by more than 80% over the past 30 years but a few pockets of suitable wet scrub habitat still retain breeding Willow Tit in Montgomeryshire. A singing bird was reported from near Rhos-y-Brithdir (20th Apr) and later in the year, 3 juvenile birds were present near Bwlchyddar (end July/early Aug).

An ongoing study of the species is underway at Lake Vyrnwy where 12+ pairs breed. More breeding pairs probably extend into the Dyfnant Forest. Indeed, a record was received from Dyfnant Meadows on 23rd March. Three confirmed nests were found at Lake Vyrnwy in 2016, two of which fledged successfully. The only other location reporting Willow Tit in 2016 was Cors Dyfi (26th Oct).

COAL TIT *Parus ater*

Titw Penddu

RB5

Present.

BLUE TIT *Parus caeruleus*

Titw Tomos Las

RB5

Present.



A leucistic Blue Tit near Abermule, Sept 2016 by Paul Roughley

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Titw Mawr

RB5

Present.

NUTHATCH *Sitta europaea*

Delor y Cnau

RB5

Present

TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris*

Dringwr bach

RB5

Present.

GREAT GREY SHRIKE *Lanius excubitor*

Cigydd Mawr

W3

2 birds were at Lake Vyrnwy on 12th Feb. Singletons were then seen on multiple dates around the reserve and in the adjacent Dyfnant Forest until 4th Apr. The Ceri Ridgeway produced a bird on 26th Feb. In the second winter period, Lake Vyrnwy held single birds on 1st and 3rd of Dec and another was near Caersws by the Trefglwys road on 16th Dec.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Ysgrech y Coed

RB5

Present.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Pioden

RB5

Present. The highest count was 30 at Dolydd Hafren on 7th Dec.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Jac-y-do

RB5/P/W

Present. The highest count was 150 at Dolydd Hafren on 7th Jan.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Ydfran

RB5/P

Present. The highest count was 100 at Dolydd Hafren on 9th Mar.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Bran Dyddyn

RB5

Present. The highest count was 150+ at Dolydd Hafren on 1st June.

RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Cigfran

RB5

Present. The highest count was 60+ at Lake Vyrnwy on 25th Mar.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Drudwen

RB4/P5/W5

Present. Largest flocks were c.5000 near Llanidloes on 22nd Oct, 3000+ at Dolydd Hafren on 13th Nov, and 2000+ at the same location on 27th Nov.



Roosting Starlings flatten the reedbed at Llyn Coed y Dinas in Nov 2016 by Pieter Nelson

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Aderyn y To

RB5

Present.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Golfan y Mynydd

RB3

Very scarce. Dolydd Hafren recorded the species on 3 dates outside of the breeding season (10th Jan, 24th July and 18th Dec). Other one-off records were 3 on 15th May at Pentre'r Bierdd, 2 on 12th Apr at Pwll Penarth and 6 at Coedway on 2nd Apr. Churchstoke appears to retain a small breeding population as the species was recorded there during May on an MWT Garden Bird Survey.

CHAFFINCH *Fringilla coelebs*

Ji-binc

RB5/P/W

Present. The largest flock reported was 200+ at Dolydd Hafren on 27th Dec.

BRAMBLING *Fringilla montifringilla*

Pinc y Mynydd

W4

Brambling sightings were relatively frequent in the first winter period with small numbers reported from scattered garden feeders. The highest count was 36+ at Lake Vyrnwy on 3rd Apr. Some birds lingered into May with records from near Llanidloes on 22nd, and Llanfair Caereinion on 1st.

There were very few records in the 2nd winter period. The first seen was at Lake Vyrnwy on 14th Oct, with a high count of 75+ at Caersws on 31st Oct.



Male Brambling at Lake Vyrnwy in March 2016 by Gavin Chambers

GREENFINCH *Carduelis chloris*

Llino Werdd

RB5

Present. The highest count was 60+ at Dolydd Hafren on 10th Jan.

GOLDFINCH *Carduelis carduelis*

Nico

RB5/P

Present. The largest flock was 200+ feeding on thistle late Aug/early Sept near Bwlchyddar.

SISKIN *Carduelis spinus*

Pila Gwyrdd

RB5/P/W

Spring 2015 was really poor for Siskin but Spring 2016 was good with large numbers of Siskin having been pushed south through Britain in their search for food during the autumn of 2015. The returning birds visited Montgomeryshire garden feeders in relatively large numbers.

At least 200 were at the Lake Vyrnwy feeders on 21st Mar. Interestingly, we can tell from bird ringing data, that these birds were a mix of local breeding birds and others that were still undertaking their migration north. Indeed 4 of the birds ringed at Lake Vyrnwy around this time were subsequently found in Scotland later in the spring.

200+ Siskin were also around the Lake Vyrnwy feeders on 14th July, the vast majority of which were juveniles. 100 Siskin were reported from Llyn Ebyr on 23rd Nov.

LINNET *Carduelis cannabina*

Llinos

RB5/P

Reasonably widespread. At least 100 were at Cefn Mawr on 10th Dec in a mixed flock with Chaffinch and Goldfinch.

LESSER REDPOLL *Carduelis cabaret*

Llinos Bengoch Leaf

RB4/P/W

There were relatively few records in Spring 2016 with scattered breeding reports received during the summer. A large flock at Lake Vyrnwy in the autumn peaked at 200+ on 2nd Oct.



Lesser Redpoll at Wern, January 2016 by Sue Southam

COMMON CROSSBILL *Loxia curvirostra*

Gylfin Groes

RB4/P/W

Not many records suggest there were few birds present in the county, and interestingly (and unusually) no records were received during the breeding season (Jan to Feb for this species). The highest count was 40+ (2 flocks of 20+) at the Ceri Ridgeway on 10th Oct.

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula pileata*

Coch y Berllan

RB5

Present.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Gylfinbraff

RB2/W3

The usual winter location of Powis Castle car park delivered up to 3 birds between 1st Jan - 27th Mar. The same location held up to 15 birds from the 18th Dec to the year end. For the second consecutive year, a Hawfinch visited a garden near Dolanog to feed on Wych Elm w/e 29th May to w/e 19 June. Another was observed in a Forge garden in June.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citronella*

Melyn yr Eithin

RB4

Reasonably scarce. No records were received of flocks greater than 5 birds.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Bras y Cyrs

RB4/P/W

Scattered records from water bodies and moorland. Reasonably large numbers were at Dolydd Hafren in the second winter period, with a peak count of 60+ there on 27th Nov.

Systematic Species List - Excluded Records

- Black Swan (*Cygnus atratus*) at Llyn Coed y Dinas. Ornamental escape present 20-21st Oct.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Garden Bird Survey 2016

The MWT Garden Bird Survey has been running in the same format for 20+ years. Each person taking part in the survey records the species they see weekly within 500m from a set point (normally their garden).

The species are scored '1' for a single bird, '2' for more than one bird and '3' for more than 10 birds. Using this scoring mechanism enables ranking to be produced by species and by the relative frequency with which those species are seen.

The survey is split into 2 parts, one for summer (mid April-end Sept) and the other for winter, spanning two calendar years (i.e. Oct - mid April the following year).

MWT Garden Bird Survey SUMMER Top 25 Species

Number of surveys	48	48	59	69	73	
	% of gardens recording species					
Species	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	average
Blackbird	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Blue Tit	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Robin	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chaffinch	95.8	100.0	98.3	98.6	98.6	98.3
Great Tit	95.8	100.0	96.6	100.0	97.3	98.0
Woodpigeon	95.8	95.8	94.9	97.1	97.3	96.3
Dunnock	95.8	93.8	86.4	91.3	87.7	90.6
House Sparrow	95.8	93.8	89.8	88.4	84.9	89.9
Buzzard	93.8	100.0	94.9	100.0	97.3	97.3
Magpie	93.8	93.8	94.9	100.0	95.9	96.0
Great Sp Woodpecker	93.8	93.8	91.5	88.4	90.4	91.2
Carrion Crow	91.7	95.8	93.2	92.8	94.5	93.6
Wren	91.7	91.7	88.1	81.2	86.3	87.2
Nuthatch	91.7	91.7	81.4	84.1	87.7	86.9
Goldfinch	89.6	93.8	94.9	89.9	87.7	90.9
Coal Tit	89.6	85.4	76.3	92.8	84.9	85.9
Swallow	85.4	89.6	83.1	88.4	87.7	86.9
Song Thrush	81.3	89.6	74.6	75.4	76.7	78.8
Pheasant	79.2	87.5	74.6	78.3	78.1	79.1
Collared Dove	77.1	66.7	67.8	62.3	79.5	70.7
Red Kite	77.1	75.0	74.6	66.7	57.5	69.0
Jay	75.0	64.6	71.2	71.0	60.3	68.0
Tawny Owl	72.9	83.3	71.2	71.0	65.8	72.1
House Martin	72.9	75.0	67.8	69.6	74.0	71.7
Greenfinch	70.8	79.2	74.6	79.7	86.3	78.8
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Total Species recorded	95	92	90	100	95	

MWT Garden Bird Survey WINTER Top 25 Species

Number of surveys	45	45	51	55	66	68	
Species	2016_17	2015_16	2014_15	2013_14	2012_13	2011_12	average
Blackbird	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Blue Tit	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Robin	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Chaffinch	97.8	97.8	100.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	99.1
Great Tit	97.8	100.0	98.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	99.1
Dunnock	97.8	95.6	92.2	92.7	92.4	92.6	93.6
Great Sp Woodpecker	97.8	95.6	94.1	89.1	89.4	94.1	93.0
Buzzard	95.6	100.0	96.1	98.2	97.0	100.0	97.9
Magpie	95.6	93.3	96.1	92.7	98.5	92.6	94.8
Woodpigeon	95.6	91.1	88.2	89.1	89.4	97.1	91.8
Carrion Crow	93.3	93.3	94.1	94.5	95.5	94.1	94.2
Wren	93.3	97.8	98.0	92.7	87.9	94.1	93.6
House Sparrow	93.3	91.1	90.2	87.3	89.4	89.7	90.0
Nuthatch	93.3	86.7	84.3	89.1	87.9	86.8	87.9
Coal Tit	91.1	100.0	90.2	94.5	98.5	94.1	94.8
Pheasant	91.1	91.1	88.2	78.2	86.4	89.7	87.3
Goldfinch	84.4	88.9	88.2	89.1	80.3	80.9	84.8
Pied Wagtail	84.4	66.7	86.3	78.2	72.7	72.1	76.4
Starling	84.4	75.6	66.7	67.3	83.3	75.0	75.5
Long-tailed Tit	77.8	80.0	78.4	72.7	78.8	72.1	76.4
Song Thrush	77.8	82.2	68.6	67.3	80.3	72.1	74.5
Tawny Owl	77.8	68.9	80.4	76.4	72.7	72.1	74.5
Red Kite	75.6	80.0	70.6	58.2	62.1	50.0	64.5
Collared Dove	73.3	60.0	62.7	65.5	62.1	72.1	66.1
Sparrowhawk	71.1	84.4	72.5	76.4	66.7	80.9	75.2
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Total Species recorded	86	80	84	78	84	77	

The MWT Garden Bird Survey is a really useful tool in helping monitor the county's birds but numbers of people taking part in the survey are declining. If you'd like to join in, then please contact the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust for a form (phone: 01938 555654; email: info@montwt.co.uk).

Ringling Report 2016

Bird Ringing is another method by which bird populations are monitored and assessed. All ringing is undertaken by qualified ringers under licence from the British Trust for Ornithology. The total birds ringed by species in Montgomeryshire during 2016 is shown below.

"Pulli are birds ringed in the nest, juveniles are those identified as being in their first calendar year, adults are all birds in their second or later calendar year. Some birds cannot be aged by plumage characteristics, these unaged birds are tabulated separately and are included in the totals for the year". (Source : *Robinson, R.A., Leech, D.I. & Clark, J.A. (2016) The Online Demography Report: Bird ringing and nest recording in Britain & Ireland in 2015. BTO, Thetford* (<http://www.bto.org/ringing-report>, created on 7-Sept-2017)

Species	Pullus	Juvenile	Adult	Unaged	Total
Mute Swan	27	2	1	0	30
Canada Goose	0	0	1	0	1
Teal	0	0	1	0	1
Mallard	1	4	5	0	10
Goosander	11	3	3	0	17
Little Grebe	0	0	0	1	1
Sparrowhawk	0	0	1	0	1
Golden Plover	0	22	22	0	44
Lapwing	0	3	3	0	6
Little Ringed Plover	3	0	0	0	3
Curlew	3	0	41	0	44
Dunlin	0	1	0	0	1
Common Sandpiper	0	8	4	0	12
Green Sandpiper	0	3	5	0	8
Jack Snipe	0	8	24	0	32
Woodcock	0	62	64	0	126
Snipe	0	0	3	22	25
Stock Dove	7	0	3	0	10
Woodpigeon	2	0	0	0	2
Barn Owl	30	2	5	0	37
Little Owl	0	0	1	0	1
Tawny Owl	5	1	4	0	10
Short-eared Owl	0	1	0	0	1
Swift	0	0	1	0	1
Kingfisher	0	3	1	0	4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	0	14	4	0	18
Kestrel	7	0	0	0	7
Peregrine	4	0	0	0	4
Magpie	4	0	1	0	5
Jay	0	3	8	0	11
Jackdaw	18	0	1	0	19
Carrion Crow	2	0	0	0	2
Goldcrest	0	187	41	25	253
Firecrest	0	1	0	0	1
Blue Tit	155	67	157	0	379

Species	Pullus	Juvenile	Adult	Unaged	Total
Great Tit	60	36	57	1	154
Coal Tit	8	76	105	8	197
Willow Tit	15	11	12	1	39
Marsh Tit	1	3	4	0	8
Skylark	0	0	4	11	15
Sand Martin	0	0	1	0	1
Swallow	87	0	23	0	110
Long-tailed Tit	0	8	11	88	107
Wood Warbler	24	0	7	0	31
Chiffchaff	0	224	32	8	264
Willow Warbler	9	52	41	0	102
Blackcap	1	83	25	1	110
Garden Warbler	4	11	15	0	30
Whitethroat	0	9	5	0	14
Sedge Warbler	0	1	2	0	3
Nuthatch	14	1	9	7	31
Treecreeper	0	19	6	1	26
Wren	1	55	13	2	71
Starling	0	4	30	0	34
Dipper	80	6	9	0	95
Blackbird	36	27	32	0	95
Fieldfare	0	4	10	0	14
Song Thrush	8	11	8	0	27
Redwing	0	185	34	7	226
Mistle Thrush	3	0	0	0	3
Spotted Flycatcher	21	1	1	0	23
Robin	10	74	38	0	122
Pied Flycatcher	950	2	108	0	1,060
Redstart	116	17	7	0	140
Whinchat	6	0	0	0	6
Stonechat	6	0	0	0	6
Dunnock	6	33	36	2	77
House Sparrow	27	13	19	10	69
Grey Wagtail	4	2	1	0	7
Pied/White Wagtail	8	0	0	0	8
Tree Pipit	0	2	0	0	2
Meadow Pipit	0	191	17	9	217
Brambling	0	4	3	0	7
Chaffinch	0	31	212	1	244
Bullfinch	5	40	16	0	61
Greenfinch	0	12	47	1	60
Lesser Redpoll	0	114	71	14	199
Goldfinch	0	126	371	1	498
Siskin	0	83	674	0	757
Yellowhammer	0	1	2	0	3
Reed Bunting	0	2	2	0	4
Total	1,789	1,969	2,525	222	6,505

Reports of recovered birds that were ringed or found ringed in Montgomeryshire

A selection of interesting ringing recoveries reported in 2016 are listed below.

Source : Robinson, R.A., Leech, D.I. & Clark, J.A.(2017) *The Online Demography Report: Bird ringing and nest recording in Britain & Ireland in 2016*. BTO, Thetford (<http://www.bto.org/ringing-report>, created on 5-September-2017)

Mute Swan			
Z91240	Nestling Male	19/08/1998	Wern, Arddleen: 52°42'N 3°6'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	12/09/2012	Wern, Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°6'W (Powys) 8km N 14y 0m 24d
	Caught by ringer	08/09/2016	Wern, Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°6'W (Powys) 8km N 18y 0m 20d
W03646	Nestling Male	19/10/2000	Brithdir, Berriew: 52°36'N 3°11'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/09/2008	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys) 7km NNE 7y 10m 24d
	Caught by ringer	30/09/2011	Crowther Hall, Pool Quay, Welshpool: c. 52°41'N 3°6'W (Powys) 13km NNE 10y 11m 11d
	Caught by ringer	05/09/2012	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys) 7km NNE 11y 10m 17d
W17674	Caught by ringer	08/09/2016	Pool Quay near Welshpool: c. 52°41'N 3°6'W (Powys) 11km NNE 15y 10m 20d
	Nestling Male	18/09/2005	Aberbechan, Newtown: 52°31'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	08/06/2016	Marton Pool, Chirbury: c. 52°36'N 3°2'W (Shropshire) 18km ENE 10y 8m 21d
Cormorant			
5268646	Nestling	07/06/2015	Aberarth, near Aberaeron: c. 52°14'N 4°14'W (Ceredigion)
	Dead	(21-03-2016)	Llangadfan area: 52°40'N 3°28'W (Powys) 70km NE 0y 9m 14d
Red Kite			
GC11557	Nestling	24/06/2005	Site Confidential (Powys)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	28/01/2010	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°17'N 3°30'W (Powys) 19km S 4y 7m 4d
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	15/08/2016	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°17'N 3°30'W (Powys) 19km S 11y 1m 22d
GR19608	Nestling	23/06/2010	Site Confidential (Ceredigion)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	24/05/2016	Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve: 52°33'N 3°55'W (Powys) 11km NNE 5y 11m 1d
GR47515	Nestling	17/06/2013	Site Confidential, near Wigmore: c. 52°18'N 2°51'W (Herefordshire)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	09/08/2015	Dolydd Hafren: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys) 37km NW 2y 1m 23d
GR87788	Nestling	24/06/2015	Site Confidential near Bishop's Castle: c. 52°29'N 3°0'W (Shropshire)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	29/12/2016	Ceri Forest, ceri: c. 52°28'N 3°11'W (Powys) 13km W 1y 6m 5d
Osprey			
1447187	Nestling	05/07/2013	Lairg, Sutherland: 58°1'N 4°24'W (Highland)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	02/05/2016	Cors Dyfi Nature Reserve: 52°33'N 3°55'W (Powys) 607km S 2y 9m 27d

Oystercatcher			
FP42936	First-year	21/09/2002	Llanfairfechan: 53°14'N 4°0'W (Conwy)
	Caught by ringer	15/10/2005	Wig, near Bangor: 53°13'N 4°3'W (Gwynedd) 4km 3y 0m 24d
	Caught by ringer	19/03/2016	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys) 92km SE 13y 5m 27d
Golden Plover			
DD91711	First-year	02/11/2010	Tre-Gwynt, Llanerfyl: c. 52°37'N 3°26'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	20/10/2016	Tre-Gwynt, Llanerfyl: c. 52°37'N 3°26'W (Powys) 0km 5y 11m 18d
DK38697	Adult	29/10/2014	Tre-Gwynt, Llanerfyl: c. 52°37'N 3°26'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	25/04/2015	Heylipol, isle of Tiree: 56°28'N 6°54'W (Argyll and Bute) 482km NNW 0y 5m 27d
Ringed Plover			
NV69302	Adult	15/08/2015	Llanfairfechan: 53°14'N 4°0'W (Conwy)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/05/2016	RSPB Reserve, Conwy: 53°16'N 3°48'W (Conwy) 13km E 0y 8m 19d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/05/2016	Berwyn Mountains: 52°49'N 3°34'W (Powys) 57km SSE 0y 8m 19d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/05/2016	Llandudno Junction: 53°16'N 3°47'W (Conwy) 14km E 0y 8m 19d
Curlew			
FH68456	Adult Male	06/08/2015	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	11/09/2015	Devoran: 50°12'N 5°5'W (Cornwall) 296km SSW 0y 1m 5d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	03/12/2015	Devoran: 50°12'N 5°5'W (Cornwall) 296km SSW 0y 3m 27d
FH68271	Adult Male	17/03/2015	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	17/09/2016	Skern, Northam Burrows: 51°3'N 4°13'W (Devon) 185km SSW 1y 6m 0d
Woodcock			
EY08244	Adult	19/11/2014	Dolgadfan, Llanbryn-mair: c. 52°34'N 3°40'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	25/04/2015	Puhnova, Chausy District: 53°55'N 31°12'E (Mogilev Oblast) Belarus 2,323km E 0y 5m 6d
Barn Owl			
FH09125	Nestling	12/06/2008	Site Confidential, near Ponterwyd: c. 52°24'N 3°51'W (Ceredigion)
	Freshly dead (hit by car)	09/07/2016	Staylittle: 52°30'N 3°38'W (Powys) 19km NE 8y 0m 27d
Kestrel			
EZ38792	Nestling	26/06/2016	Bwlch-Y-Garreg, Carno: 52°33'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/12/2016	Little Neston, Neston: 53°16'N 3°4'W (Cheshire) 84km NNE 0y 5m 8d

Goldcrest			
HXJ355	First-year Female	21/09/2016	Dolforwyn Wood, Abermule: c. 52°32'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	31/10/2016	Langdown,nr Hythe: 50°51'N 1°24'W (Hampshire) 227km SE 0y 1m 10d
JCP292	Full-grown Male	19/04/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	13/10/2016	Greenham Common: c. 51°22'N 1°18'W (West Berkshire) 213km SE 0y 5m 24d
JCP859	First-year Male	08/10/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	23/11/2016	Woolston Eyes, Warrington: c. 53°23'N 2°31'W (Warrington) 94km NE 0y 1m 15d
	Caught by ringer	25/11/2016	Woolston Eyes, Warrington: c. 53°23'N 2°31'W (Warrington) 94km NE 0y 1m 17d
Chiffchaff			
HRD951	First-year	06/09/2015	near Bwlchyddar: 52°47'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	26/11/2015	Porth Hellick, St Mary's: 49°54'N 6°17'W (Isles of Scilly) 382km SW 0y 2m 20d
HRD847	First-year	29/08/2015	Bwlchyddar: 52°47'N 3°13'W (Powys)
	Dead	03/04/2016	Octeville sur Mer: 49°31'N 0°6'E (Seine-Maritime) France 430km SSE 0y 7m 5d
JCP661	First-year	27/08/2016	Bwlchyddar: 52°47'N 3°13'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/11/2016	Manecorro, Parque Nacional de Donana: 37°4'N 6°31'W (Huelva) Spain 1,764km S 0y 2m 16d
	Caught by ringer	13/11/2016	Manecorro, Parque Nacional de Donana: 37°4'N 6°31'W (Huelva) Spain 1,764km S 0y 2m 17d
Brambling			
L965938	First-year Male	25/01/2013	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	07/10/2016	Gjerdet, Alesund: 62°27'N 6°22'E (More og Romsdal) Norway 1,225km NNE 3y 8m 12d
Chaffinch			
L008405	Adult Male	07/10/2012	Brownstown Head: c. 52°7'N 7°5'W (Waterford)
	Freshly dead (disease)	19/07/2016	Llangurig: 52°24'N 3°36'W (Powys) 239km E 3y 9m 12d
Z214414	First-year Female	12/12/2014	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead	04/05/2016	Pardshaw: 54°36'N 3°23'W (Cumbria) 203km N 1y 4m 22d
S469155	First-year Male	22/10/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead	20/12/2016	Upper Killay: 51°36'N 4°2'W (Swansea) 134km SSW 0y 1m 28d
SVS 1EV39431	First-year Male	17/10/2014	Saterivagen, Gemla, Smaland: 56°52'N 14°39'E (Kronoberg) Sweden
	Freshly dead (cat)	10/01/2016	Trefeglwys, Caersws: 52°29'N 3°32'W (Powys) 1,265km WSW 1y 2m 24d
Greenfinch			
TX79010	Adult Male	16/02/2014	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	17/10/2015	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys) 0km 1y 8m 1d
	Freshly dead (hit by car)	15/07/2016	Shrewsbury: 52°42'N 2°45'W (Shropshire) 39km ENE 2y 4m 29d

Lesser Redpoll			
Z1270__\$132	Full-grown	06/10/2014	Blairgorm: c. 57°15'N 3°36'W (Highland)
	Alive (ring read in field)	16/04/2016	Bacheldre, Churchstoke: 52°31'N 3°7'W (Powys) 527km S 1y 6m 10d
S006546	Adult Male	31/12/2015	Chilworth: 51°12'N 0°32'W (Surrey)
	Caught by ringer	10/01/2016	Chilworth: 51°12'N 0°32'W (Surrey) 0km 0y 0m 10d
	Caught by ringer	14/04/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 264km NW 0y 3m 14d
S049031	First-year Male	10/04/2016	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	16/04/2016	New Laithe Farm, Newton: c. 53°55'N 2°28'W (Lancashire) 141km NNE 0y 0m 6d
S005419	First-year Female	29/02/2016	Earlswood: 52°21'N 1°51'W (Warwickshire)
	Caught by ringer	08/10/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 118km WNW 0y 7m 9d
Goldfinch			
Z395938	Adult Male	10/12/2015	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	20/03/2016	Edenderry: 53°20'N 7°5'W (Offaly) 270km WNW 0y 3m 10d
Siskin			
Z594797	First-year Male	21/03/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	28/05/2016	Berriedale, Caithness: 58°10'N 3°30'W (Highland) 602km N 0y 2m 7d
Z594811	First-year Female	23/03/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	14/04/2016	Deer Park Forest Croft: 57°34'N 4°10'W (Highland) 537km N 0y 0m 22d
	Caught by ringer	24/04/2016	Deer Park Forest Croft: 57°34'N 4°10'W (Highland) 537km N 0y 1m 1d
S049142	First-year Male	14/04/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	24/04/2016	Drummond, Inverness: 57°27'N 4°13'W (Highland) 525km N 0y 0m 10d
Z732233	Full-grown Male	17/03/2016	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	22/03/2016	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys) 0km 0y 0m 5d
	Caught by ringer	07/07/2016	Morar: c. 56°57'N 5°48'W (Highland) 516km NNW 0y 3m 20d
D377363	First-year Male	28/02/2013	Chestfield, Whitstable: 51°20'N 1°3'E (Kent)
	Caught by ringer	18/06/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 346km WNW 3y 3m 21d
D492413	Juvenile	25/08/2013	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	28/02/2016	Saint Cyr le Gravelais: 48°1'N 1°1'E (Mayenne) France 615km SSE 2y 6m 3d