



Montgomeryshire Bird Report 2018

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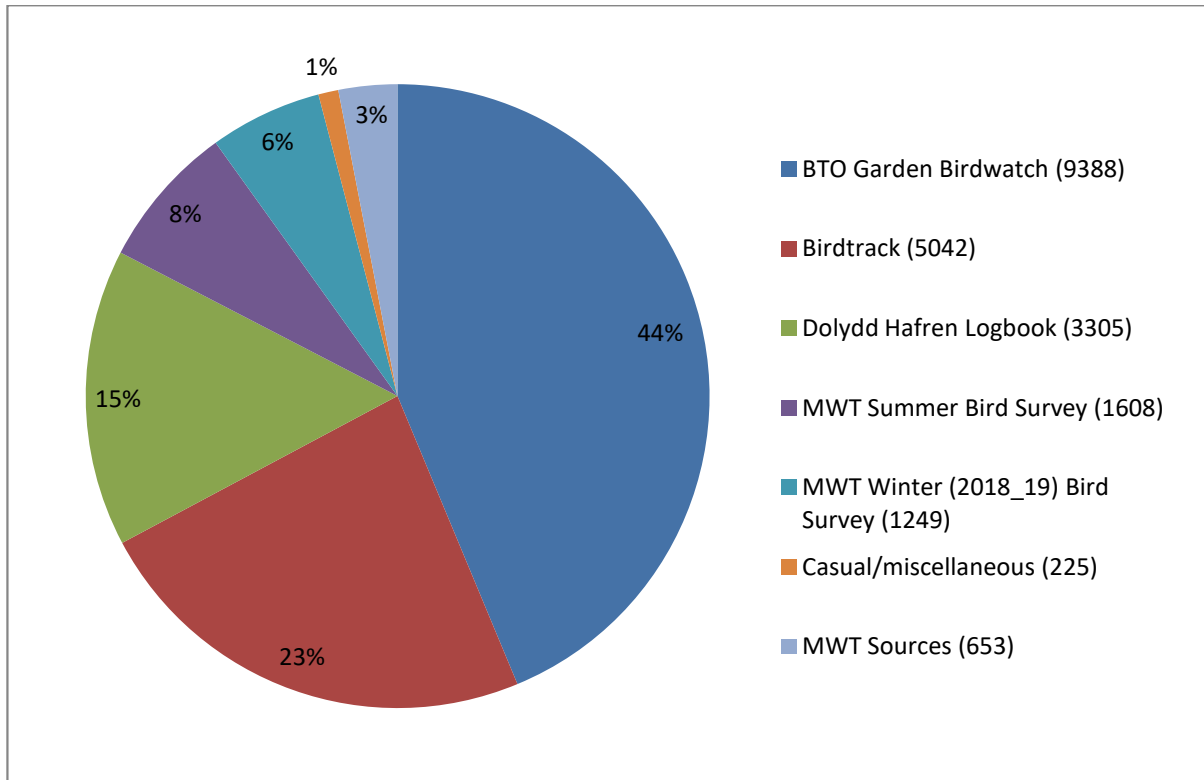
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Front Cover: The cold weather of late February/early March 2018 brought many birds and some untypical species into Montgomeryshire gardens. The Jack Snipe pictured by Edd Cottell near Montgomery on 2nd March took shelter next to his garden wheelie bin.

Montgomeryshire County Bird Records - Source of Data in 2018



More than 21,000 records were collated for the production of this report and the pie chart above gives an approximate indication of the source of these records. The source and number of records is very similar to that of recent years.

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 although ensuring integrity of the dataset 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.

Systematic Species List 2018

A total of 148 species were recorded in Montgomeryshire in 2018. Lapland Bunting was recorded for the first time in the county.

Key: - Status/Frequency – An estimate for Montgomeryshire in 2018

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

Scattered records from larger ponds and rivers. The ringing report (page 28) highlights 4 local birds which have reached respectable ages of 14, 16 and 18 (x 2) years .

WHOOPER SWAN *Cygnus cygnus* Alarch y Gogledd

W3

The wintering site at Aberhafesp held up to 14 Whoopers (including 4 juvenile) from 6th - 19th Jan. 17 were seen over Lake Vyrnwy heading west on 17th Jan. Also at Lake Vyrnwy, 5 were present on 4th April and 3 on 16th April.

PINK-FOOTED GOOSE *Anser brachyrhynchus* Gwydd droed-binc

W2



Pink-footed Geese over Lake Vyrnwy on 7th January. Pic by Gavin Chambers

39 'Pink-feet' headed N to NW over Lake Vyrnwy on 6th Jan. On the 7th Jan, skeins of 91, 24 and c25 (140+ in total) also passed overhead at Lake Vyrnwy. On 4th Feb, 30 flew over Lake Vyrnwy heading north at 11am. These movements correspond with a nationally recorded movement of birds into western Britain from the east coast.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser*

Gwydd Wyllt

RB4

Most records are received from Dolydd Hafren and Llyn Coed y Dinas. The highest count in 2018 was 200+ on the 24th Jan at Dolydd Hafren. 60+ were counted at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 29th Aug.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis*

Gwydd Canada

RB5

1000+ were reported from Llyn Coed y Dinas on 1st Nov with 400 there on 10th Oct. Elsewhere, Dolydd Hafren held 500+ on 17th Jan with c.550 there later in the year on 14th Nov.

BARNACLE GOOSE *Branta leucopsis*

Gwydd Wyran

R2/W3

6 at Dolydd Hafren on 13th Jan subsequently relocated to Llyn Coed y Dinas on 24th Jan.

EGYPTIAN GOOSE *Alopochen aegyptiacus*

Gwydd yr Aifft

V1

A single bird at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 30th March was only the second county record of this non-native species since the first sighting at the same place in January 2013.



Egyptian Goose, Llyn Coed y Dinas, 30th March. Pic by Mark Wilson

SHELDUCK *Tadorna tadorna*

Hwyaden yr Eithin

RB3/W3

Inland records came from Dolydd Hafren (up to 5 birds Jan - June) and Llyn Coed y Dinas (a single from Jan to April plus December). 3 were also reported from Cors Dyfi in May.

MANDARIN DUCK <i>Aix galericulata</i>	Hwyaden Gribog
RB3	
An under reported species with records from the well watched Llyn Coed y Dinas site restricted to outside of the breeding season in 2018 (March, October, December). In fact Mandarin Duck are a widespread breeding bird on Montgomeryshire rivers and (anecdotally, from observations on the River Tanat, outside of the county) seem to be doing particularly well on the Vyrnwy confluence. The species also seems to be increasing at Lake Vyrnwy where 10 nests were found (double that of 2017). Not all were successful and some were probably 2nd attempts after failure elsewhere.	
WIGEON <i>Anas penelope</i>	Chwiwell
W5	
All reported sightings were from either Dolydd Hafren or Llyn Coed y Dinas. 60+ was the highest count at Dolydd Hafren on 7th March.	
TEAL <i>Anas crecca</i>	Corhwyaden
RB1/W4/P	
There were c.80 at Lake Vyrnwy on 25th Nov. The highest count elsewhere was c.50 at Dolydd Hafren on 24th Jan.	
MALLARD <i>Anas platyrhynchos</i>	Hwyaden Wylt
RB5/P/W5	
Highest count was 60 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 10th Oct. The ringing report below (page 28) records a French ringed bird shot in Montgomeryshire in November.	
PINTAIL <i>Anas acuta</i>	Hwyaden Lostfain
W3/P	
4 were at Dolydd Hafren on 11th Jan and up to 2 from 24th - 25th Feb. A single was at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 13th Dec with 2 drake there on 20th Dec. A single was also reported from Abermule on 25th March.	
SHOVELER <i>Anas clypeata</i>	Hwyaden Lydanbig
RB1/W3/P	
2 were at Dolydd Hafren on 21st Mar but all other records came from Llyn Coed y Dinas with singles recorded in Jan, Mar, Oct and Nov.	
POCHARD <i>Aythya ferina</i>	Hwyaden Bengoch
W2	
All records received were from Llyn Coed y Dinas with a single female present 11th - 31st Jan and then 2 Pochard present between 4th - 6th March.	
TUFTED DUCK <i>Aythya fuligula</i>	Hwyaden Gopog
RB3/W5	
Present in small numbers. The high count was 16 at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 7th Mar and 3rd Oct.	
COMMON SCOTER <i>Melanitta nigra</i>	Mor-hwyaden Ddu
P3	
2 drake were observed from the dam on the morning of 10th Aug.	

GOLDENEYE *Bucephala clangula*

Hwyaden Lygad-aur

W3/P

A single was present at Llyn Coed y Dinas from 28th Nov to the end of year.

RED-BREASTED MERGANSER *Mergus serrator*

Hwyaden Frongoch

RB2/W3

There were reports of up to 2 birds travelling up the River Dyfi in Jan and Feb, in May and again on 19th November.

GOOSANDER *Mergus merganser*

Hwyaden Ddanheddog

RB4

Records from across the county included confirmed breeding at multiple sites. The highest count outside of the breeding season was 14 on 6th March at Llyn Coed y Dinas.

RED GROUSE *Lagopus lagopus scoticus*

Grugiar

RB4

Recorded in the Lake Glaslyn area in January and in October. Elsewhere, 7 were sighted at Moel y Cerrig Duon in the Berwyns on 18th Aug.

BLACK GROUSE *Tetrao tetrix*

Grugiar Ddu

RB3

No lekking males were found in the annual survey at Lake Vyrnwy. A lone female was located in April.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa*

Petrisen Goesgoch

RB4/W5

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

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

Widespread records but none during the breeding season except at Lake Vyrnwy where at least 2 young chicks were observed riding on an adults back at the Centenary Hide on 12th May.



Little Grebe with chicks, Lake Vyrnwy, 12th May. Pic by Edd Cottell

GREAT CRESTED GREBE *Podiceps cristatus*

Gwyach Gopog

RB3/W3

In contrast to Little Grebe, Great Crested Grebe was reported from just 2 sites (Lake Vyrnwy and Llyn Coed y Dinas) and all records were from May-July only.

MANX SHEARWATER *Puffinus puffinus*

Aderyn-Drycin Manaw

P1



Manx Shearwater in a Llanidloes garden on 16th September.
Pic by Jwli Ashton

On the night of 16th Sept a number of birds were blown inland and crash landed at Llanidloes. Exact numbers are unknown but there may have been a 'handful'. One was recovered from a garden, ringed and safely released at Aberystwyth the next day. County records of Manx Shearwater are 'typically recorded as storm-driven birds in September', according to 'The Birds of Montgomeryshire', (Holt & Williams, 2008). The last such record was at Llanfair Caereinion in 2007.

CORMORANT *Phalacrocorax carbo*

Mulfran

R4/W

Widespread throughout the year, with a maximum count of 24 on 24th Aug at Llyn Coed y Dinas.

LITTLE EGRET *Egretta garzetta*

Creyr Bach

RB3/W

The vast majority of records were outside of the breeding season. During the breeding season there were no sightings in May and just a few singles in April and the end of June at Dolydd Hafren.

GREAT WHITE EGRET *Egretta alba*

Creyr Mawr Gwyn

V2

Sightings of this species appear to be increasing. Two separate reports (presumably the same bird) were received from Llangurig on 26th Jan. A single was at Caersws on 14th Mar and was also there w/e 2nd Dec and w/e 30th Dec. A bird was present at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 30th Mar and 26th Sept. Aberhafesp held a single on 19th Oct, as did the River Dyfi near Machynlleth on 19th Jan, plus again, later in the year from 19th Nov - 3rd Dec.

GREY HERON *Ardea cinerea*

Creyr Glas

RB4

Present.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus*

Barcud Coch

RB4

Widespread but no high counts reported.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus*

Bod Tinwen

RB3

Wintering birds were seen in the Twrch Valley (17th Jan) and Cors Dyfi (Jan-Feb). Autumn birds were at Carno 3rd Aug and in the Berwyns on 6th Aug. There were probably 4 breeding pairs in the county, 2 of which were at Lake Vyrnwy.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis*

Gwalch Marth

RB4

Widespread but under-reported.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus*

Gwalch Glas

RB4

Sparrowhawk just sneaks into the top 25 most reported species in both the summer and winter MWT Garden Bird Survey's in 2018 (see page 26 below).

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo*

Bwncath

RB5

Comfortably the most reported raptor across the county. The highest single count was 19 at Llandinam Gravels on 15th Nov.

OSPREY *Pandion haliaetus*

Gwalch y Pysgod

RB3/P3



Osprey mobbed by Red Kite at Cors Dyfi on 7th August. Pic by Kev Joynes

The usual two 2 breeding pairs were present at Cors Dyfi and in the south of the county. Singles were noted from Dolydd Hafren (in May & August), Lake Vyrnwy (June) and Penstrowed (August).

KESTREL *Falco tinnunculus*

Cudyll Coch

RB3

Scattered records. No longer a common bird in the county.

MERLIN *Falco columbarius*

Cudyll Bach

RB2/P3/W

One pair bred in the south of the county, but sadly, there were no breeding attempts at the usual site, Lake Vyrnwy. Elsewhere just 3 records of single birds in Welshpool (January), Montgomery (April) and near Trefeglwys (late summer).

HOBBY *Falco subbuteo*

Hebog yr Ehedydd

RB2/P3

Scattered sightings with 4 records in May, 1 in June, 5 in July and 2 in August. Presence suggests at least one breeding pair in the county.

PEREGRINE *Falco peregrinus*

Hebog Tramor

RB3

Present. Unusually, 2 landed in a tree at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 28th Dec where they were mobbed by magpies.

WATER RAIL *Rallus aquaticus*

Rhegen y Dwr

RB2/P3/W

Winter records received were of up to 2 birds at Dolydd Hafren, Newtown, Llyn Coed y Dinas and Severn Farm Pond.



Water Rail enjoys a fish supper on Friday 30th March at Llyn Coed y Dinas. Pic by Mark Wilson

MOORHEN *Gallinula chloropus*

Iar Ddwr

RB4/W

Present at scattered water habitat sites in small numbers. A count of 9 was made at Dolydd Hafren on 6th November.



Moorhen at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 1st November. Pic by Meurig Garbutt

COOT *Fulica atra*

Cwtiar

RB4/W/P

The maximum count in 2018 was 18 on 3rd Oct at Llyn Coed y Dinas.

OYSTERCATCHER *Haematopus ostralegus*

Pioden y Mor

RB3/W

Present at the coast at Cors Dyfi. Inland, Oystercatcher were seen from January to July at Dolydd Hafren and Llyn Coed y Dinas and breeding was attempted at both sites.

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER *Charadrius dubius*

Cwtiad Torchog Bach

RB3/P

Recorded from Dolydd Hafren, Llandinam Gravels, Llyn Coed y Dinas and Caersws from 1st April (Dolydd Hafren) to 1st August (Llandinam Gravels).

GOLDEN PLOVER *Pluvialis apricaria*

Cwtiad Aur

RB3/W3/P

Just four records received. The species was recorded as 'present' in January & March near Llanbrynmair. Later in the year, 6 were seen near Machynlleth on 17th Oct and 1 at Lake Glaslyn on 10th October.

LAPWING *Vanellus vanellus*

Cornchwiglen

RB3/W4

Almost gone as a breeding species from Montgomeryshire. Dolydd Hafren did record breeding Lapwing in 2018 and it is possible there are some elsewhere, but not many. The highest winter count was c.350 at Dolydd Hafren on 2nd Dec.

JACK SNIFE *Lymnocyptes minimus*

Giach Fach

W3/P

Singles in March at Montgomery (2nd) (see front cover), Welshpool (3rd), and at Llandinam Gravels. Another was present at Llandinam Gravels on 1st Dec.

SNIFE *Gallinago gallinago*

Giach Gyffredin

RB3/W4

The highest count was 14 on 18th Jan at Llyn Coed y Dinas. No breeding records were received.

WOODCOCK *Scolopax rusticola*

Cyfflog

RB2/W5/P

Remarkably, after years of no breeding evidence, a record was received of a breeding pair in May at Llanfair Caereinion. Otherwise a few scattered winter records only (but under-reported at this time of year). The ringing report (page 28) highlights no fewer than 4 Woodcock that wintered in Montgomeryshire and then flew all the way to Russia where they were shot dead.

WHIMBREL *Numenius phaeopus*

Coegylfinir

P3

Singles were at Dolydd Hafren on 25th April and Llyn Coed y Dinas on 29th April.



Whimbrel at Dolydd Hafren on 25th April. Pic by Richard Moulson

CURLEW *Numenius arquata*

Gylfinir

RB3/W4

There were a few scattered breeding records e.g a pair at RSPB Lake Vyrnwy raised one chick. The maximum count was 55 at Dolydd Hafren on 11th March.

REDSHANK *Tringa totanus*

Pibydd Coesgoch

RB3/P4

Singles were at Dolydd Hafren on 28th Feb and 30th Sept.

GREENSHANK *Tringa nebularia*

Pibydd Coeswerdd

P3

One was observed at Dolydd Hafren on 25th Feb.

GREEN SANDPIPER *Tringa ochropus*

Pibydd Gwyrdd

P3/W3

Present at Dolydd Hafren from January until 8th April and then from 11th July to end December. The highest count was 4 in January. Up to 2 were occasionally reported from Llyn Coed y Dinas between 17th Aug - 14th Sept. One was also at the River Severn near Newtown on 13th August.

COMMON SANDPIPER *Actitis hypoleucos*

Pibydd y Dorlan

SB4

Present in the county from 4th April to 3rd Oct (earliest & latest dates both from Dolydd Hafren).

MEDITERRANEAN GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Gwylan Benddu

RB4/W5/P



Mediterranean Gull at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 16th March. Pic by Mark Wilson

A single adult arrived at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 16th Mar and was then joined by another with both birds observed to display 27th-30th March. The only other record was of a single bird at Llyn Coed y Dinas during 2nd-3rd June.

BLACK-HEADED GULL *Larus ridibundus*

Gwylan Benddu

RB4/W5/P

Large counts from Dolydd Hafren were c.250 on 31st Jan, and 200-300 on 21st March. The same number were present at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 27th Mar where the breeding colony numbered a few hundred pairs a couple of months later.

COMMON GULL *Larus canus*

Gwylan y Gweunydd

P3/W

One was present at Dolydd Hafren 8th - 11th April. The only other records were in December with one at Llandinam Gravels on 1st and another at Machynlleth on 13th.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus fuscus*

Gwylan Gefnddu Leiaf

RB3/P4/W4

The maximum count was 300+ Dolydd Hafren on 24th Sept.

HERRING GULL *Larus argentatus*

Gwylan y Penwaig

RB4

The maximum count received was just 45 near Machynlleth on 13th December.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL *Larus marinus*

Gwylan Gefnddu Fwyaf

P3

Scarce in the county as per usual. 2 near Machynlleth on 13th Dec and a single at Llandinam Gravels on 14th of Dec were the only winter sightings. Otherwise infrequent scattered reports from late March to mid June with a max of 4 at Machynlleth on 10th April.

SANDWICH TERN *Sterna sandvicensis*

Morwennol Bigddu

P2

Five at Lake Vyrnwy on the afternoon of 22nd Sept was a good record for the site and were the first Sandwich Terns seen in Montgomeryshire since 2013.



Record shot of Sandwich Tern at Lake Vyrnwy on 22nd September. Pic by Gavin Chambers

ARCTIC TERN *Sterna paradisaea*

Morwennol y Gogledd

P2

Singles were present at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 18th, 28th and 29th April.

FERAL PIGEON *Columba livia*

Colomen y Graig/Colomen Ddof

RB5

Present in urban areas.

STOCK DOVE *Columba oenas*

Colomen Wylt

RB5

A widespread breeding bird in the county, the largest flock was 80+ present from 30th Sept to 3rd October at Dolydd Hafren.

WOODPIGEON *Columba palumbus*

Ysguthan

RB5/P/W

A common sight throughout the county although no reports of large flocks were received in 2018.

COLLARED DOVE *Streptopelia decaocto*

Turtur Dorchog

RB5

Widespread. 12 were at Dolydd Hafren on 31st January.

CUCKOO *Cuculus canorus*

Cog

SB3/P

The first of the year arrived on 18th April at Dolydd Hafren.

BARN OWL *Tyto alba*

Tylluan Wen

RB3

Montgomeryshire Barn Owl Group reported a good breeding season for Barn Owl, with 75 breeding attempts producing 217 fledglings.

LITTLE OWL *Athene noctua*

Tylluan Fach

RB3

Few records - a pair at Cefn Coch (Jan - Mar) and singles at Caersws (July & Aug), Guilsfield (Nov) and at Welshpool (Oct & Dec). 4 chicks were successfully raised in a Lower Severn Valley nest box.



Little Owl chicks at the Lower Severn Valley in June. Pic by Sue Southam

TAWNY OWL *Strix aluco*

Tylluan Frech

RB5

A poor breeding season contributed to reduced sightings. At Lake Vyrnwy just 3 nest attempts producing only 3 chicks. Undoubtedly the cold and prolonged winter of 2017-18 had a detrimental impact on adult body mass and therefore breeding opportunity.

SHORT-EARED OWL *Asio flammeus*

Tylluan Glustiog

RB2/P/W3

Singles were at Milltir Cerig on 28th Feb, Lake Vyrnwy 16th Apr, Llyn Mawr 30th Dec, and there were 2 Short-eared Owls at Lake Glaslyn on 6th Nov. Lake Vyrnwy is likely to have held at least one breeding pair (fresh pellet evidence found in July).

NIGHTJAR *Caprimulgus europaeus*

Troellwr

SB4

The only reliable record of a breeding pair came from a Nightjar walk at Lake Vyrnwy in July. There are lots more Nightjar than this in Montgomeryshire!

SWIFT *Apus apus*

Gwennol Ddu

SB4

The earliest bird drifted west over Welshpool on 23rd April. There were 40+ at Llanfyllin Workhouse in July where the breeding colony numbered 30+ pairs.

KINGFISHER *Alcedo atthis*

Glas y Dorlan

RB4

A breeding bird along the county waterways.

GREEN WOODPECKER *Picus viridis*

Cnocell Werdd

RB3

Records came from the eastern side of the county as usual.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopus major*

Cnocell Fraith Fwyaf

RB5

A male Great Spotted Woodpecker exhibiting xanthochroism (a genetic colour mutation - here, the red replaced with yellow) was drumming and visiting feeders in the Four Crosses area at the end of March. The bird had been in the Four Crosses area since at least December 2017. NB. Another 'Custard Woodpecker' was seen the following year in a Newtown garden in June 2019.



Xanthochroistic 'Custard' Woodpecker, Four Crosses, 29th March. Pic by Dennis Seager

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER *Dendrocopus minor*

Cnocell Fraith Leiaf

RB2

Two birds were forced onto garden feeders during very cold conditions w/e 4th March - one at Llanidloes and another at Tregynon. Warmer by the coast, one was drumming and seen near Machynlleth on 4th March. The only other record came from Powis Castle on 11th Feb.

SKYLARK *Alauda arvensis*

Ehedydd

RB4/P/W

The largest winter counts were made in October with 38 near Machynlleth on 17th, and 30 near Llanymynech on 27th.

SAND MARTIN *Riparia riparia*

Gwennol y Glennydd

SB5

Earliest/latest were recorded at Dolydd Hafren with 2 on 15th March and 10+ on 9th Sept. The maximum counts were 100+ at Dolydd Hafren on 7th May & 18th July.

SWALLOW *Hirundo rustica*

Gwennol

SB5/P

Dolydd Hafren and Llyn Coed y Dinas shared the earliest birds on 4th April. Swallow numbers appear to have rapidly declined in Montgomeryshire in recent years. The max count was just c.30 on 11th April at Dolydd Hafren.

HOUSE MARTIN <i>Delichon urbica</i>	Gwennol y Bondo
SB5	
Another species that has seemingly recently diminished in numbers. 1000+ streaming south overhead at Sarn on the evening of 1st Sept was a reminder of a count that would not have been unusual a few decades ago. The only other high count in 2018 was 250+ on 15th Aug at Lake Yyrnwy. The earliest record was on 10th April at Llyn Coed y Dinas.	
TREE PIPIT <i>Anthus trivialis</i>	Corhedydd y Coed
SB4/P	
An early bird was reported near Rhos y Brithdir on 31st March.	
MEADOW PIPIT <i>Anthus pratensis</i>	Corhedydd y Waun
SB5/P	
The highest count was c.50 on 18th Aug at Moel y Cerrig Duon in the Berwyns.	
YELLOW WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla flava flavissima</i>	Siglen Felen
SB3	
All records came from Dolydd Hafren between 16th Apr - 17th June, with a pair present on 18th April (at least).	
GREY WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla cinerea</i>	Siglen Lwyd
RB4/W	
Widespread in small numbers.	
PIED WAGTAIL <i>Motacilla alba yarrellii</i>	Siglen Fraith
RB5/P/W	
A familiar bird in gardens (71% of winter MWT Garden Surveys reported Pied Wagtail). The highest count was 17 at Dolydd Hafren on 30th Sept.	
DIPPER <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Bronwen-y-Dwr
RB4	
Resident on the county waterways.	
WREN <i>Troglodytes troglodytes</i>	Dryw
RB5	
Present.	
DUNNOCK <i>Prunella modularis</i>	Llwyd y Gwrych
RB5	
Widespread and was in fact the 6th most frequently reported species in 2018.	
ROBIN <i>Erithacus rubecula</i>	Robin Goch
RB5/P	
Robin was the 3rd most reported species in 2018 and the 3rd most common species in the MWT Garden Bird Survey (see page 26).	

BLACK REDSTART <i>Phoenicurus ochruros</i>	Tingoch Du
P2 A single male graced a Guilsfield driveway, 2nd - 3rd April.	
REDSTART <i>Phoenicurus phoenicurus</i>	Tingoch
SB4 The earliest birds arrived on the 18th April at Cwm Nant y Meichiad and near Rhos y Brithdir. The last was seen on 5th Sept at Llyn Clywedog.	
WHINCHAT <i>Saxicola rubetra</i>	Crec yr Eithin
SB3 The earliest reported was at Lake Vyrnwy on 5th May. Very few records were received from just 5 physical locations.	
STONECHAT <i>Saxicola torquata</i>	Clochdar y Cerrig
W2/SB4 Another species with very few records in 2018 - featuring at just 7 physical locations.	
WHEATEAR <i>Oenanthe oenanthe</i>	Tinwen y Garn
SB4/P5 The earliest were seen on 5th April at Dylife and Lake Vyrnwy. Perhaps surprisingly, even fewer sightings were received for Wheatear than the previous 2 chat species, from just 7 physical locations. Chats are becoming scarce but are undoubtedly under-reported in Montgomeryshire.	
RING OUZEL <i>Turdus torquatus</i>	Mwyalchen y Mynydd
SB2/P3 Just one record of an autumn passage bird near Moel Sych in the Berwyns on 29th Oct.	
BLACKBIRD <i>Turdus merula</i>	Mwyalchen
RB5/W/P Highest counts were 40+ at feeders near Abermule on 2nd Mar and 30 at Powis Castle on 10th Jan.	
FIELDFARE <i>Turdus pilaris</i>	Socan Eira
W5/P Not many reports with just 50 birds the maximum count at Powis Castle on 10th Jan. The latest date in the first winter period was at Dolydd Hafren on 25th March. The first sighting in the 2nd winter period was on 18th Oct near Llanidloes.	
SONG THRUSH <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	Bronfraith
RB5/P/W Present.	
REDWING <i>Turdus iliacus</i>	Coch Dan-aden
W5/P A single at Moel-y-Garth on 10th April was the latest in spring, whilst 4 birds near Llanidloes on 9th Oct were the earliest autumn sightings. The highest count was 135 near Machynlleth on 30th Oct. A Russian ringed bird was found at Abermule on 1st Nov (see ringing report page 28).	

MISTLE THRUSH *Turdus viscivorus*

Brych y Coed

RB5

The largest flock comprised 27 near Llanidloes on 8th Aug.

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER *Locustella naevia*

Troellwr Bach

SB4/P

The only records came from Pwll Penarth, Cors Dyfi, and Lake Vyrnwy. The earliest was on 15th April at Pwll Penarth.

SEDGE WARBLER *Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

Telor yr Hesg

SB4

The earliest/latest were at Dolydd Hafren on 23rd April and 11th August.



Sedge Warbler at Llyn Coed y Dinas on 5th May. Pic by Mark Wilson

REED WARBLER *Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

Telor y Cyrs

SB3

The earliest was at Cors Dyfi on 21st April and the latest at Dolydd Hafren on 16th August. A French ringed bird was noted and pictured at Llyn Coed y Dinas (see ringing report page 28).

LESSER WHITETHROAT *Sylvia curruca*

Llwydfron Fach

SB3/P

A singing male on 10th May at Llyn Coed y Dinas was the first of the year. The only other locations from which this species was reported were Dolydd Hafren, Moel y Golfa and Bwlchyddar.

WHITETHROAT *Sylvia communis*

Llwydfron

SB4/P

The earliest was at Dolydd Hafren on 25th April.

GARDEN WARBLER *Sylvia borin*

Telor yr Ardd

SB5/P

The first arrivals were recorded on 25th April at Dolydd Hafren and from near Llanfihangel.

BLACKCAP *Sylvia atricapilla*

Telor Penddu

SB5/P/W3

A common summer visitor. Wintering records are of interest and probably involve birds visiting from mid Europe. Records in the first winter period were 2 in January (Welshpool & Llanymynech), and 3 in February (pair in Welshpool and single at Llanymynech). In the second winter period there were 3 in November (a pair in Guisfield and single at Welshpool) and 4 in December (same pair in Guisfield and single at Welshpool, plus one at Machynlleth).

YELLOW-BROWED WARBLER *Phylloscopus inornatus*

Telor Aelfelyn

P1

One was in woods opposite the leisure centre at Newtown on 17th Oct.



Yellow-browed Warbler at Newtown, 17th October. Pic by Frank Moore

WOOD WARBLER *Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

Telor y Coed

SB4

The earliest was at Cwm Nant y Meichiad on 18th April.

CHIFFCHAFF *Phylloscopus collybita*

Siff-saff

SB5/P/W3

Wintering records of this common summer visitor of are interest, of which there was just one in 2018, a single at Dolydd Hafren on 18th Nov.

WILLOW WARBLER *Phylloscopus trochilus*

Telor yr Helyg

SB5/P

The earliest was at Dolydd Hafren on 8th April.

GOLDCREST *Regulus regulus*

Dryw Eurben

RB5/P/W

Common in coniferous forest but under-reported.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER *Muscicapa striata*

Gwybedog Mannog

SB4/P

Just 11 records received of another species that is becoming scarcer by the year. The first of 2018 was on 5th May at Lake Vyrnwy.

PIED FLYCATCHER *Ficedula hypoleuca*

Gwybedog Brith

SB5

The first males of the year arrived on 8th April at Foel and Pwll Penarth. More Pied Flycatchers (1,428 birds - 10% of the UK total) were ringed in Montgomeryshire than in any other part of Britain in 2018. This total reflects the amount of effort put into studying the species here in comparison to elsewhere. One example project is at RSPB Lake Vyrnwy where it was an excellent year for Pied Flycatcher. Not only were there a high number of nests (115), but 90 of them reached fledging stage and a record 522 chicks were ringed. Fledging success is thought to have been close to 100%. The majority of Montgomeryshire ringed Pied Flycatcher chicks return from Africa to breed in Wales. A nice example of a Lake Vyrnwy bird on return migration was found at Skokholm Island, Wales on 29th April (see ringing report page 28).

LONG-TAILED TIT *Aegithalos caudatus*

Titw Gynffon-hir

RB5

More visible in gardens during the winter when Long-tailed Tits form small flocks and visit feeders. The species was the 17th most common species in the winter MWT Garden Survey but did not make the top 25 in the summer MWT Garden Survey (it was ranked 30th).

MARSH TIT *Parus palustris*

Titw'r Wern

RB4

This red listed species is widely distributed in mature woodland but only in small numbers.

WILLOW TIT *Parus montanus*

Titw'r Helyg

RB3

Another red listed species which is present at sites with suitable habitat - notably the Dyfnant Forest/Lake Vyrnwy area. At RSPB Lake Vyrnwy, 19 Willow Tit territories were positively identified (breeding status : 3 confirmed, 9 probable, 7 possible). However, a Willow Tit radio tracking project at Lake Vyrnwy has revealed a greater density of territories than expected and, given a relatively high number of juveniles present later in the year, it is not unreasonable to conservatively speculate that there were at least 11 additional WT territories on the reserve in 2018 (i.e. 30 in total).



Willow Tit caching sunflower hearts at Lake Vyrnwy, 28th January. Pic by Mike Haigh

COAL TIT *Parus ater*

Titw Penddu

RB5

Common in conifers.

BLUE TIT *Parus caeruleus*

Titw Tomos Las

RB5

The most frequently seen bird in Montgomeryshire Gardens according to the MWT Garden Bird Survey. Only Blue Tit and Blackbird have been seen on every summer and winter garden survey in the past 6 years. A Blue Tit with melanism (abnormal dark-coloured pigment in the feathers) was found in the Newtown area on 2nd Jan. The bird is very similar to the one at Trewern in January 2015 (see Montgomeryshire County Bird Report 2015).



Melanistic Blue Tit in the Newtown area, 2nd January. Pic by Wendy Vickers

GREAT TIT *Parus major*

Titw Mawr

RB5

Common but not apparently as common as Blue Tit.

NUTHATCH *Sitta europaea*

Delor y Cnau

RB5

Seems to be doing well in Montgomeryshire.

TREECREEPER *Certhia familiaris*

Dringwr bach

RB5

Another common species in the county but under-reported as it does not use feeders.

JAY *Garrulus glandarius*

Ysgrech y Coed

RB5

Widespread records.

MAGPIE *Pica pica*

Pioden

RB5

Reported in the top 10 species seen in both winter and summer MWT garden Bird Surveys. A flock of 30 was present at Dolydd Hafren on 24th Jan.

JACKDAW *Corvus monedula*

Jac-y-do

RB5/P/W

There were c.250 Jackdaw at Dolydd Hafren on 3rd Oct, 144 near Machynlleth on 17th Oct, and 100+ at Dolydd Hafren on 16th Aug.

ROOK *Corvus frugilegus*

Ydfran

RB5/P

120 were present at Llandinam Gravels on 14th Dec and c.100 were at Dolydd Hafren on 28th Feb.

CARRION CROW *Corvus corone*

Bran Dyddyn

RB5

100+ were counted at Dolydd Hafren on 4th July.

RAVEN *Corvus corax*

Cigfran

RB5

Highest counts were 61 at Llandinam Gravels on 14th Dec and 35 there on 3rd Dec.

STARLING *Sturnus vulgaris*

Drudwen

RB4/P5/W5

The largest winter flock numbered up to 10,000 Starlings at Dolydd Hafren on 24th January. Later in the year, 1,200 were at Dolydd Hafren on 25th Dec. A Lithuanian ringed bird was found at Rhos y Brithdir on 28th February (see ringing report page 28).

HOUSE SPARROW *Passer domesticus*

Aderyn y To

RB5

A widespread distribution within Montgomeryshire and well reported.

TREE SPARROW *Passer montanus*

Golfan y Mynydd

RB3

The MWT Garden Bird Surveys regularly reported birds from the colony that resides in the Montgomery area throughout the year. Dolydd Hafren recorded Tree Sparrow between 24th Oct - 2nd Dec, with a peak count of c.35 on 18th Nov. Elsewhere, up to 4 were in the Newtown area on 25th March and 3 visited garden feeders at Wern on 5th April.



Tree Sparrow at Wern, 5th April. Pic by Sue Southam

CHAFFINCH <i>Fringilla coelebs</i>	Ji-binc
RB5/P/W	
Widespread and well reported although there is possibly a hint of a downturn in numbers with the MWT Garden Bird Survey reporting fewer Chaffinch in the past couple of years. The largest flock was 100+ at Dolydd Hafren on 14th Nov.	
BRAMBLING <i>Fringilla montifringilla</i>	Pinc y Mynydd
W4	
Relatively high numbers were present in the county in the first winter period - particularly seen coming to bird feeders in heavy snow at the end of February e.g. 10+ at Rhos y Brithdir on 26th-28th. A steady passage of birds was then recorded at feeders across the county at the end of March e.g. 10+ on most days in the final week at Llanfyllin. The last sighting was a pair at Llanfyllin on 20th April. Birds were scarce in the 2nd winter period with the first at Llanfair Caereinion on 7th Oct and just a handful of records reported after that (mostly in Oct). However, the ringing report (page 28) reveals no less than 5 European ringed birds trapped at Dolfor (Oct - Dec) from what must have been a large flock of Brambling but about which no further information has been forthcoming.	
GREENFINCH <i>Carduelis chloris</i>	Llino Werdd
RB5	
A count higher than 10 was rare in the county in 2018. The maximum was 15 at Four Crosses on 25th Feb and 15th Mar. An indication of county wide decline is offered by the MWT Garden Bird Survey which recorded Greenfinch in 86% of gardens in 2012 but only 64% of gardens in 2018.	
GOLDFINCH <i>Carduelis carduelis</i>	Nico
RB5/P	
In comparison to Greenfinch, Goldfinch presence in gardens appears unchanged on the MWT Garden Surveys between 2012-2018 although the actual numbers of Goldfinch visiting feeders during this time period have probably increased in line with national trends. A flock of 100+ above the Severn at Newtown on 13th Aug was the highest count.	
SISKIN <i>Carduelis spinus</i>	Pila Gwyrdd
RB5/P/W	
A reasonably high number of local breeding and passage birds were present on feeders in the spring. The highest count was c.100 at Lake Vyrnwy on 14th April.	
LINNET <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	Llinos
RB5/P	
Max counts were 31 near Llanymynech on 13th Nov and c.30 at Dolydd Hafren on 29th April.	
LESSER REDPOLL <i>Carduelis cabaret</i>	Llinos Bengoch Lieaf
RB4/P/W	
The largest autumn flock was 30 near Machynlleth on 30th Oct.	
COMMON CROSSBILL <i>Loxia curvirostra</i>	Gylfin Groes
RB4/P/W	
The highest count came from near Machynlleth with 23 on 30th Oct.	

BULLFINCH *Pyrrhula pyrrhula pileata*

Coch y Berllan

RB5

Well reported with the largest flock noted as 12 at Dolydd Hafren on 28th Jan.

HAWFINCH *Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

Gylfinbraff

RB2/W3

There were more spring sightings than usual, a legacy of the Hawfinch invasion of autumn 2017. The traditional site of Powis Castle held up to 4 birds from 27th Jan - 16th March and sightings also came from Llanfyllin (1 on feeders daily 1st Jan - 28th Mar), Ceri Forest (2nd Jan), Lake Vyrnwy (7th Mar), Machynlleth (w/e 4th Mar & w/e 18th Mar), and Guilsfield (2 on 17th Mar). Later in 2018, 2 flew north at Churchstoke on 2nd Sept and there were 14 at Powis Castle on 30th Dec.

LAPLAND BUNTING *Calcarius lapponicus*

Bras y Gogledd

P1

A bird at Lake Glaslyn on 30th Oct was a first record for Montgomeryshire. First seen at 8:45am, the bird showed well until at least 4:00pm and was thought most likely a first winter female. This sighting coincided with other out of county sightings on the west coast at around the same time.

YELLOWHAMMER *Emberiza citronella*

Melyn yr Eithin

RB4

The highest count was 9 visiting garden feeders at Rhos y Brithdir in the snow on 26th Feb.

REED BUNTING *Emberiza schoeniclus*

Bras y Cyrs

RB4/P/W

A reasonable sized flock was present at Dolydd Hafren from mid Oct to December. The peak count was 50+ on 4th Nov with c.50 also counted on 25th Nov.

Systematic Species List - Excluded Records

- Bean Goose (*Anser Sp.*). 2 of unknown origin were at Dolydd Hafren on 17th & 24th January.
- Snow Goose (*Anser caerulescens*). A feral bird associating with Canada Geese was observed at Caersws on 21st March and at Montgomery on 16th April. Presumably the same bird was then seen at Llyn Coed y Dinas in the first week of June and then again at Montgomery on 2nd Sept.



Snow Goose at Lymore, Montgomery, 16th April. Pic by Edd Cottell

- Grey Partridge (*Perdix perdix*). There were no reliable sightings in 2018. A record of 4 Grey Partridge in the ringing report relates to captive bred birds.

Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Garden Bird Survey 2018

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	45	45	48	48	59	69	73	
	% of gardens recording species							
Species	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012	Average
Blackbird	100.0	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	100.0
Robin	97.8	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	99.7
Great Tit	97.8	97.8	95.8	100.0	96.6	100.0	97.3	97.9
Buzzard	97.8	93.3	93.8	100.0	94.9	100.0	97.3	96.9
Woodpigeon	97.8	97.8	95.8	95.8	94.9	97.1	97.3	96.6
Magpie	95.6	93.3	93.8	93.8	94.9	100.0	95.9	95.6
Chaffinch	93.3	93.3	95.8	100.0	98.3	98.6	98.6	97.2
Carrion Crow	93.3	91.1	91.7	95.8	93.2	92.8	94.5	93.3
House Sparrow	91.1	93.3	95.8	93.8	89.8	88.4	84.9	90.4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	88.9	95.6	93.8	93.8	91.5	88.4	90.4	91.5
Dunnock	86.7	95.6	95.8	93.8	86.4	91.3	87.7	90.7
Goldfinch	86.7	91.1	89.6	93.8	94.9	89.9	87.7	90.4
Swallow	86.7	86.7	85.4	89.6	83.1	88.4	87.7	86.8
Nuthatch	84.4	88.9	91.7	91.7	81.4	84.1	87.7	86.8
Wren	84.4	84.4	91.7	91.7	88.1	81.2	86.3	86.6
Coal Tit	84.4	86.7	89.6	85.4	76.3	92.8	84.9	85.8
Pheasant	82.2	80.0	79.2	87.5	74.6	78.3	78.1	79.6
House Martin	82.2	75.6	72.9	75.0	67.8	69.6	74.0	73.4
Red Kite	82.2	80.0	77.1	75.0	74.6	66.7	57.5	71.8
Grey Heron	75.6	57.8	58.3	66.7	57.6	56.5	56.2	60.5
Tawny Owl	71.1	64.4	72.9	83.3	71.2	71.0	65.8	71.1
Jay	71.1	66.7	75.0	64.6	71.2	71.0	60.3	68.2
Sparrowhawk	71.1	57.8	68.8	77.1	64.4	66.7	65.8	67.2
Swift	71.1	73.3	60.4	58.3	64.4	58.0	63.0	63.6
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Total Species recorded	95	94	95	92	90	100	95	

MWT Garden Bird Survey WINTER Top 25 Species

Number of surveys	39	43	45	45	51	55	66	68	
Species	2018-2019	2017-2018	2016-2017	2015-2016	2014-2015	2013-2014	2012-2013	2011-2012	Avg
Blackbird	100.0	100.0	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	100.0	100.0
Robin	97.4	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Great Tit	97.4	100.0	97.8	100.0	98.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	99.2
Chaffinch	94.9	97.7	97.8	97.8	100.0	98.2	100.0	100.0	98.9
Magpie	94.9	90.7	95.6	100.0	96.1	98.2	97.0	100.0	97.1
G S Woodpecker	94.9	95.3	95.6	93.3	96.1	92.7	98.5	92.6	94.9
House Sparrow	94.9	86.0	93.3	93.3	94.1	94.5	95.5	94.1	93.3
Coal Tit	92.3	95.3	93.3	91.1	90.2	87.3	89.4	89.7	90.6
Wren	89.7	93.0	95.6	91.1	88.2	89.1	89.4	97.1	92.0
Woodpigeon	89.7	88.4	84.4	75.6	66.7	67.3	83.3	75.0	76.9
Buzzard	87.2	93.0	91.1	100.0	90.2	94.5	98.5	94.1	94.6
Dunnock	87.2	93.0	93.3	97.8	98.0	92.7	87.9	94.1	93.6
Nuthatch	87.2	95.3	97.8	95.6	94.1	89.1	89.4	94.1	93.3
Song Thrush	87.2	90.7	97.8	95.6	92.2	92.7	92.4	92.6	93.3
Pheasant	87.2	88.4	91.1	91.1	88.2	78.2	86.4	89.7	87.4
Long-tailed Tit	87.2	81.4	84.4	88.9	88.2	89.1	80.3	80.9	84.5
Starling	84.6	90.7	93.3	86.7	84.3	89.1	87.9	86.8	88.2
Carrion Crow	82.1	79.1	75.6	80.0	70.6	58.2	62.1	50.0	66.2
Goldfinch	76.9	67.4	77.8	68.9	80.4	76.4	72.7	72.1	73.7
Collared Dove	76.9	79.1	73.3	60.0	62.7	65.5	62.1	72.1	67.6
Red Kite	74.4	60.5	68.9	64.4	70.6	61.8	75.8	63.2	66.8
Bullfinch	71.8	88.4	77.8	80.0	78.4	72.7	78.8	72.1	77.7
Pied Wagtail	71.8	62.8	60.0	55.6	64.7	41.8	57.6	55.9	56.6
Sparrowhawk	69.2	65.1	64.4	66.7	66.7	60.0	62.1	66.2	64.3
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Total Species recorded	74	81	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 2018

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 2018 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.(2020) The Online Demography Report: Bird ringing and nest recording in Britain & Ireland in 2019. BTO, Thetford (<http://www.bto.org/ringing-report>, created on 27-June-2020)*)

Species	Pullus	Juvenile	Adult	Unaged	Total
Mute Swan	36	0	3	0	39
Mallard	0	0	4	0	4
Goosander	0	0	8	0	8
Red Grouse	0	0	4	0	4
Grey Partridge	0	4	0	0	4
Manx Shearwater	0	1	0	0	1
Little Grebe	0	1	0	1	2
Osprey	3	0	0	0	3
Sparrowhawk	0	0	1	0	1
Buzzard	2	0	0	0	2
Oystercatcher	0	0	1	0	1
Lapwing	0	0	2	0	2
Golden Plover	0	17	17	0	34
Curlew	4	0	7	0	11
Woodcock	0	41	61	0	102
Jack Snipe	0	0	14	0	14
Snipe	0	7	13	6	26
Common Sandpiper	1	0	2	0	3
Stock Dove	15	0	11	0	26
Cuckoo	0	0	1	0	1
Barn Owl	148	0	3	0	151
Tawny Owl	19	0	4	0	23
Little Owl	9	0	3	0	12
Kingfisher	0	3	0	0	3
Great Spotted Woodpecker	0	17	11	0	28
Kestrel	21	0	0	0	21
Jay	0	2	4	0	6
Magpie	3	0	0	0	3
Jackdaw	31	0	0	0	31
Carrion Crow	1	0	0	0	1
Raven	2	0	0	0	2
Coal Tit	0	85	65	7	157
Marsh Tit	8	6	2	0	16
Willow Tit	5	28	10	0	43
Blue Tit	251	242	309	2	804

Great Tit	114	109	159	3	385
Skylark	1	0	0	0	1
Sand Martin	0	19	70	0	89
Swallow	52	1	12	0	65
House Martin	5	0	0	0	5
Long-tailed Tit	0	0	13	46	59
Willow Warbler	0	80	15	0	95
Chiffchaff	0	135	19	2	156
Wood Warbler	5	0	11	0	16
Sedge Warbler	5	3	0	0	8
Reed Warbler	11	0	2	0	13
Blackcap	5	109	27	0	141
Garden Warbler	0	30	17	0	47
Lesser Whitethroat	0	4	0	0	4
Whitethroat	0	8	3	0	11
Goldcrest	0	61	12	12	85
Wren	5	23	22	6	56
Nuthatch	33	3	8	19	63
Treecreeper	5	15	4	0	24
Starling	0	2	9	5	16
Blackbird	13	37	71	0	121
Fieldfare	0	4	25	0	29
Redwing	0	106	58	13	177
Song Thrush	0	11	8	0	19
Mistle Thrush	0	1	1	0	2
Spotted Flycatcher	8	0	0	0	8
Robin	9	46	45	3	103
Pied Flycatcher	1,289	3	136	0	1,428
Redstart	108	17	6	0	131
Stonechat	0	1	0	0	1
Dipper	49	0	9	0	58
House Sparrow	35	55	34	12	136
Tree Sparrow	0	0	0	1	1
Dunnock	3	42	26	2	73
Grey Wagtail	2	1	0	0	3
Pied Wagtail	5	0	0	0	5
Meadow Pipit	0	63	4	0	67
Chaffinch	0	29	39	0	68
Brambling	0	842	330	10	1,182
Bullfinch	0	28	47	1	76
Greenfinch	0	51	39	28	118
Lesser Redpoll	0	20	20	0	40
Goldfinch	0	127	226	8	361
Siskin	0	25	542	1	568
Reed Bunting	0	18	9	0	27
Total	2,321	2,583	2,638	188	7,730


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

A selection of interesting ringing recoveries reported in 2018 are listed below.

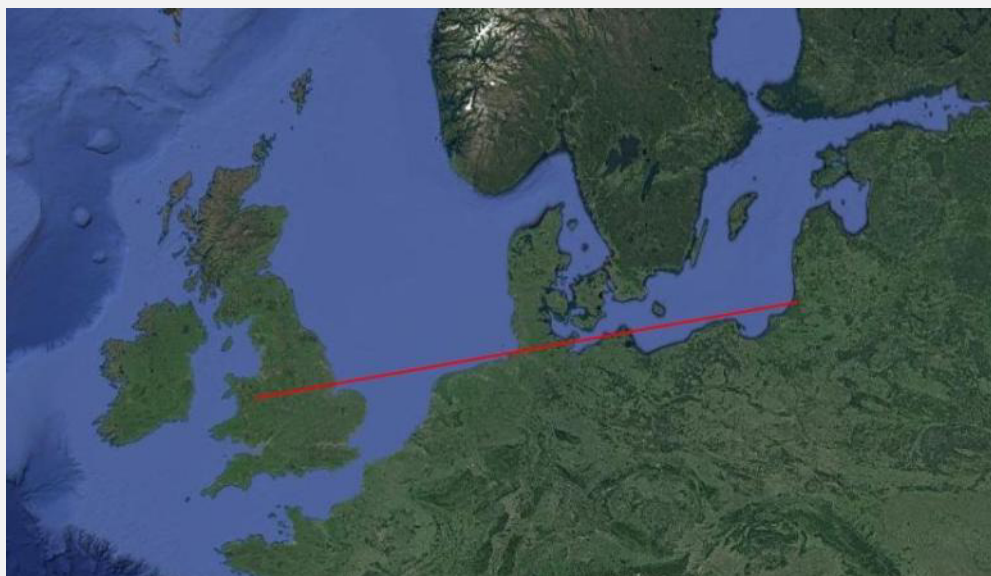
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Canada Goose			
5272846	Adult Male	28/06/2014	Fellfoot Park, Lake Windermere: 54°16'N 2°57'W (Cumbria)
	Caught by ringer	27/06/2015	Fellfoot Park, Lake Windermere: 54°16'N 2°57'W (Cumbria) 0km 0y 11m 30d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	15/06/2017	Fellfoot Park, Lake Windermere: 54°16'N 2°57'W (Cumbria) 0km 2y 11m 18d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	23/06/2018	Grasmere: 54°26'N 3°1'W (Cumbria) 20km NNW 3y 11m 26d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	19/12/2018	Coed-Y-Dinas: 52°38'N 3°9'W (Powys) 183km S 4y 5m 21d
Mute Swan			
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) 6km NNE 7y 10m 24d
	Caught by ringer	30/09/2011	Crowther Hall, Pool Quay, Welshpool: c. 52°41'N 3°6'W (Powys) 12km NNE 10y 11m 11d
	Caught by ringer	05/09/2012	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys) 6km NNE 11y 10m 17d
	Caught by ringer	08/09/2016	Pool Quay near Welshpool: c. 52°40'N 3°7'W (Powys) 9km NNE 15y 10m 20d
	Caught by ringer	06/09/2017	Pool Quay near Welshpool: 52°41'N 3°6'W (Powys) 12km NNE 16y 10m 18d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/09/2018	Pool Quay near Welshpool: 52°40'N 3°7'W (Powys) 9km NE 17y 10m 16d
W05029	Nestling Female	26/08/2001	Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	06/09/2007	Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys) 0km 6y 0m 11d
	Caught by ringer	10/09/2015	Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys) 0km 14y 0m 15d
	Caught by ringer	06/09/2017	Montgomery Canal, Pentreheylin, Four Crosses: 52°46'N 3°5'W (Powys) 2km 16y 0m 11d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/09/2018	Montgomery Canal, Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°6'W (Powys) 3km 17y 0m 9d
W07904	Nestling Male	12/09/2002	Arddleen, near Welshpool: 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/09/2012	Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°5'W (Powys) 4km 10y 0m 0d
	Caught by ringer	10/09/2015	Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys) 2km 12y 11m 29d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	06/09/2017	Montgomery Canal, Pentreheylin, Four Crosses: 52°46'N 3°5'W (Powys) 4km 14y 11m 25d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	04/09/2018	Montgomery Canal, Pentreheylin, Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys) 3km 15y 11m 23d
W17572	Adult Female	15/09/2004	Garthmyl: 52°34'N 3°11'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	10/09/2015	Garthmyl: 52°34'N 3°11'W (Powys) 0km 10y 11m 26d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	15/11/2018	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, Montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys) 2km 14y 2m 0d

Teal			
FRP FS98299	First-year Male	13/01/2018	Sainte-Marie-Du-Mont: 49°22'N 1°13'W (Manche) France
	Freshly dead (shot)	29/11/2018	Exact Location Unknown, Wales: 52°30'N 3°18'W (Powys) 379km NNW 0y 10m 16d
EZ21685	First-year Female	30/09/2016	Gwenlas, llanbadarn Fynydd: c. 52°25'N 3°18'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	16/12/2018	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys) 28km NNE 2y 2m 16d
Goosander			
HT83391	Nestling	01/07/2014	Caersws: c. 52°30'N 3°25'W (Powys)
	Alive (ring read in field)	17/08/2018	Selestranda, Jaeren: 58°49'N 5°31'E (Rogaland) Norway 897km NE 4y 1m 16d
Red Kite			
GN20890	Nestling	17/06/2004	Site Confidential, near Llanidloes: c. 52°27'N 3°32'W (Powys)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	03/03/2018	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 16km SSE 13y 8m 14d
GC11557	Nestling	24/06/2005	Site Confidential, near Llanidloes: c. 52°27'N 3°32'W (Powys)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	28/01/2010	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 17km S 4y 7m 4d
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	15/08/2016	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 17km S 11y 1m 22d
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	05/04/2018	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 17km S 12y 9m 12d
Golden Plover			
DE69384	First-year	14/10/2017	Tre-Gwynt, llanerfyl: c. 52°38'N 3°26'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	02/11/2018	Ynyslas National Nature Reserve, borth: 52°31'N 4°3'W (Ceredigion) 44km WSW 1y 0m 19d
DT24818	Adult	15/11/2017	Kerry Hill: 52°27'N 3°17'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	13/11/2018	Brondre Fach, bwlch-Y-Sarnau: 52°23'N 3°24'W (Powys) 10km SW 0y 11m 29d
Curlew			
FJ10849	Adult Female	11/03/2017	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Alive (ring read in field)	01/12/2017	Adrigole Harbour: 51°41'N 9°44'W (Cork) 459km W 0y 8m 20d
	Alive (ring read in field)	20/11/2018	Adrigole Harbour: 51°41'N 9°44'W (Cork) 459km W 1y 8m 9d
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
	Alive (colour rings seen)	13/08/2017	Skern, Northam Burrows: 51°3'N 4°13'W (Devon) 185km SSW 2y 4m 27d
	Alive (ring read in field)	16/07/2018	Skern, Taw/Torridge Estuary: 51°2'N 4°12'W (Devon) 186km SSW 3y 3m 29d
FB01608	Adult Male	26/03/2017	River Severn, Caersws: c. 52°31'N 3°24'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	27/12/2017	Gann Estuary, Dale: 51°43'N 5°10'W (Pembrokeshire) 149km SW 0y 9m 1d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	26/01/2018	Gann Estuary, Dale: 51°42'N 5°10'W (Pembrokeshire) 150km SW 0y 10m 0d

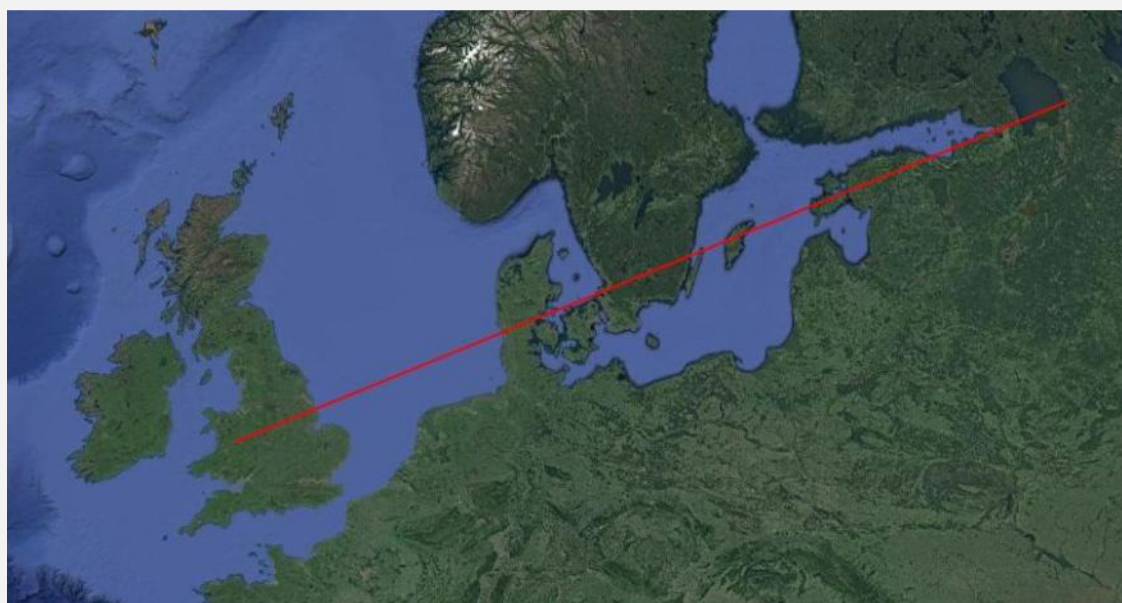
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	Alive (colour rings seen)	11/07/2017	Petit Port, St Brelade: 49°10'N 2°13'W (Jersey) Channel Islands 385km S 0y 4m 0d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	19/07/2018	Petit Port, St Brelade: 49°10'N 2°13'W (Jersey) Channel Islands 385km S 1y 4m 8d
Woodcock			
EZ21781	Adult	27/02/2016	Bwlch Y Garreg, near Caersws: c. 52°33'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	30/04/2018	Lodeynoye Pole: 60°43'N 33°31'E (Sankt-Petersburg) Russian Federation 2,398km NE 2y 2m 3d
EZ38893	First-year	22/12/2016	Clatter, newtown: c. 52°31'N 3°29'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	25/04/2018	Volnaya Gorka: 58°43'N 30°49'E (Novgorod Oblast) Russian Federation 2,234km ENE 1y 4m 3d
EZ38358	Adult	07/12/2017	Bryn Cwmyrhiwdre, dolfor: c. 52°26'N 3°21'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	28/04/2018	near Beregovaya Kolomenka: 58°30'N 33°43'E (Novgorod Oblast) Russian Federation 2,397km ENE 0y 4m 21d
EZ38348	Adult	20/11/2017	Mochdre, Newtown: 52°28'N 3°22'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	30/04/2018	Torzok: 57°4'N 34°55'E (Tver' Oblast) Russian Federation 2,475km ENE 0y 5m 10d
Kestrel			
EZ39675	Nestling	13/06/2018	Y Glonc, near Adfa: 52°34'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/12/2018	Shaw House, East Kennet: 51°22'N 1°48'W (Wiltshire) 174km SE 0y 5m 29d
Waxwing			
NW84039	Adult Female	04/02/2017	Coleg Powys, Newtown: 52°30'N 3°20'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	30/01/2018	Hammerfest: 70°39'N 23°40'E (Finnmark) Norway 2,427km NNE 0y 11m 26d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	06/02/2018	Hammerfest: 70°39'N 23°40'E (Finnmark) Norway 2,427km NNE 1y 0m 2d
Sand Martin			
Z454601	Juvenile	10/07/2016	Sandwich Bay Estate: 51°16'N 1°22'E (Kent)
	Caught by ringer	10/07/2018	River Severn, Caersws: 52°31'N 3°25'W (Powys) 357km WNW 2y 0m 0d
AFD0716	Nestling	17/06/2018	Dolydd Hafren: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	15/08/2018	Lytchett Bay, Poole Harbour: 50°43'N 2°2'W (Dorset) 221km SSE 0y 1m 29d
Reed Warbler			
			
Reed Warbler FRP.6712565 at Llyn Coed y Dinas. Pic by Mark Wilson			
FRP 6712565	First-year	30/08/2014	Conchemarche, Mortagne-Sur-Gironde: 45°28'N 0°48'W (Charente-Maritime) France
	Alive (ring read in field)	28/04/2018	Llyn Coed-Y-Dinas, Welshpool: 52°38'N 3°9'W (Powys) 815km N 3y 7m 29d

Sedge Warbler			
AFD0716	Nestling	17/06/2018	Dolydd Hafren: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	15/08/2018	Lytchett Bay, Poole Harbour: 50°43'N 2°2'W (Dorset) 221km SSE 0y 1m 29d
Blackcap			
AKB2126	First-year Female	07/09/2018	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	17/09/2018	Stanford Reservoir: 52°24'N 1°7'W (Northamptonshire) 150km ESE 0y 0m 10d
Starling			
LIK KH59258	First-year Female	18/05/2017	Ventes Ragas, Silutes: 55°19'N 21°10'E Lithuania
	Caught by ringer	28/02/2018	Rhos-Y-Brithdir: 52°47'N 3°16'W (Powys) 1,612km W 0y 9m 10d



Starling LIK.KH59258 is one of more than 100 recoveries of Starlings originally ringed in the Baltic States (Estonia, Latvia, Lithuania) and subsequently found in Wales. The Baltic States are clearly a frequent source of our wintering Starlings.

Redwing			
RUM TC25399	Adult	04/10/2018	Gumbaritsy: 60°40'N 32°57'E (Sankt-Petersburg) Russian Federation
	Caught by ringer	01/11/2018	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys) 2,356km W 0y 0m 28d



Redwing RUM.TC25399 is the first Russian ringed Redwing to be recovered in Wales

Pied Flycatcher			
S652613	Nestling	17/06/2017	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	29/04/2018	Skokholm Island: 51°41'N 5°17'W (Pembrokeshire) 171km SW 0y 10m 12d
S558540	Second-year Female	07/06/2017	Agden Side: 53°25'N 1°37'W (South Yorkshire)
	Caught in nestbox	26/05/2018	Cwm Y Wyddyn Mwt: c. 52°36'N 3°17'W (Powys) 144km SW 0y 11m 19d
Redstart			
S049327	Nestling	30/05/2016	Rhos-Y-Brithdir: 52°47'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	29/04/2018	Essex Farm: 49°43'N 2°10'W (Alderney) Channel Islands 350km SSE 1y 10m 30d
Dipper			
RF56430	Nestling Female	01/04/2012	Dolwen, Llanidloes: 52°27'N 3°29'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	31/10/2012	River Ithon, Esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°21'W (Powys) 9km ESE 0y 6m 30d
	Caught by ringer	21/09/2013	River Ithon, Esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°21'W (Powys) 9km ESE 1y 5m 20d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	19/05/2014	River Ithon, Esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°21'W (Powys) 9km ESE 2y 1m 18d
	Caught by ringer	01/04/2015	River Ithon, Esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°21'W (Powys) 9km ESE 3y 0m 0d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	18/10/2015	River Ithon, Esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°21'W (Powys) 9km ESE 3y 6m 17d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	01/05/2016	River Ithon,esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°20'W (Powys) 10km ESE 4y 1m 0d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	01/04/2017	River Ithon,esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°20'W (Powys) 10km ESE 5y 0m 0d
	Caught by ringer	25/10/2017	River Ithon,esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°20'W (Powys) 10km ESE 5y 6m 24d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	05/04/2018	River Ithon,esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°20'W (Powys) 10km ESE 6y 0m 4d
	Caught by ringer	12/10/2018	River Ithon,esgairdraenllwyn: 52°25'N 3°20'W (Powys) 10km ESE 6y 6m 11d
	Chaffinch		
AKC3698	First-year Male	26/01/2018	near Bancyffordd: 52°0'N 4°19'W (Carmarthenshire)
	Alive (ring read in field)	23/03/2018	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 112km NE 0y 1m 25d
	Alive (ring read in field)	15/04/2018	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 112km NE 0y 2m 20d
NOS EJ56393	First-year Male	24/06/2016	Ekornasen, Lillesand: 58°7'N 8°13'E (Aust-Agder) Norway
	Long dead	06/03/2018	Berriew: 52°35'N 3°11'W (Powys) 946km SW 1y 8m 10d
Brambling			
AAD0032	First-year Male	06/03/2018	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (disease)	22/04/2018	Buxton: 53°16'N 1°55'W (Derbyshire) 108km NE 0y 1m 16d
BLB 15428202	First-year Female	17/12/2017	Herne: 50°43'N 4°1'E (Brabant) Belgium
	Caught by ringer	03/12/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 546km WNW 0y 11m 16d
NOS EL98284	First-year Female	17/10/2017	Ronvikjordene, Bodo: 67°16'N 14°27'E (Nordland) Norway
	Caught by ringer	31/10/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 1,911km SW 1y 0m 14d

SVS 1EX84117	Adult Male	12/05/2017	Fagernas, Boden: 65°49'N 21°43'E (Norrbotten) Sweden
	Caught by ringer	13/12/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 2,038km SW 1y 7m 1d
SVS 1EX44328	First-year	27/07/2018	Station, Abisko Naturvetensk, Abisko: 68°21'N 18°49'E (Norrbotten) Sweden
	Caught by ringer	27/12/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 2,121km SW 0y 5m 0d
NLA V932920	First-year Female	04/11/2017	Burgerbrug: 52°46'N 4°40'E (Noord-Holland) The Netherlands
	Caught by ringer	14/12/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 545km W 1y 1m 10d
Lesser Redpoll			
Z959731	Adult Male	30/10/2016	Bodenham Lake Nature Reserve: 52°9'N 2°42'W (Herefordshire)
	Alive (ring read in field)	03/04/2018	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 85km NW 1y 5m 4d
Goldfinch			
S872984	First-year Female	03/12/2017	Funtley: 50°52'N 1°12'W (Hampshire)
	Freshly dead (cat)	16/08/2018	Caethle, Meifod: 52°43'N 3°15'W (Powys) 249km NNW 0y 8m 13d
Siskin			
S874094	Full-grown Male	01/04/2017	Shebster: 58°33'N 3°42'W (Highland)
	Freshly dead (hit glass)	24/03/2018	Meifod, Welshpool: 52°41'N 3°15'W (Powys) 652km S 0y 11m 23d
Z594716	First-year Female	19/03/2016	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	11/03/2018	near Kildary: 57°44'N 4°3'W (Highland) 556km N 1y 11m 20d
S526980	Juvenile	14/07/2017	Clochach, near Buckie: 57°37'N 3°0'W (Moray)
	Caught by ringer	14/04/2018	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 542km S 0y 9m 0d
AHA0097	Juvenile Male	06/08/2017	Drummond, Inverness: 57°27'N 4°13'W (Highland)
	Caught by ringer	08/03/2018	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys) 525km S 0y 7m 2d
Y281822	First-year Female	04/06/2015	Cnoc: c. 56°12'N 4°42'W (Argyll and Bute)
	Alive (ring read in field)	29/01/2018	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 392km SSE 2y 7m 25d
	Alive (ring read in field)	12/02/2018	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 392km SSE 2y 8m 8d