

MONTGOMERYSHIRE BIRD REPORT 2019



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Cover photo: Barn Owl at Dolydd Hafren, 19 March 2019, by David Lister

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Montgomeryshire County Bird Records – Source of Data in 2019

The British Trust for Ornithology is a very important information source providing Garden Birdwatch, Birdtrack and Bird Ringing data. Birdtrack is an excellent mechanism for collating and standardising records; observers are encouraged to use Birdtrack to record their sightings.

The Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust Garden Bird Survey is also a useful data source. Various other MWT surveys provide data as does the logbook in the second hide at Dolydd Hafren MWT Reserve.

Other records have been obtained from a range of sources such as 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.

Brayton Holt: 1938 - 2019

In April we heard the sad news that Brayton Holt had passed away. Brayton had been ill for some time but never let this stop him enjoying his greatest love – birds. Brayton became County Bird Recorder for Montgomeryshire in 1990 and was a founder member of the Montgomeryshire Bird Group, which he chaired from its inception in 1997 until 2018.



Brayton travelled the world, finding and photographing a multitude of bird species. Nearer home, Brayton was a great supporter of the Montgomeryshire Wildlife Trust's conservation work and, in more recent years, he spent many hours at the Dyfi Osprey Project doing what he did best – inspiring and educating people about birds.

In February 2019, MWT and the Bird Group erected a plaque in the hide at Dolydd Hafren renaming it "The Brayton Holt Hide", in recognition of a life devoted to the protection and promotion of birds.

Sadly, in October, Brayton's wife, Wanda, also passed away. Wanda was an active volunteer for MWT for many years and shared Brayton's love of birds and the natural world. They will both be missed.



Little Egret at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 14 Sep, by Edd Cottell

Systematic Species List 2019

A total of 152 species were recorded in Montgomeryshire in 2019. Stone-curlew was a new species for the county. The taxonomy and order follow the IOC list, version 10.2.

Key: - Status/Frequency – An estimate for Montgomeryshire in 2019

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

- 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

BLACK GROUSE	<i>Lyrurus tetrix</i>	RB2
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During a survey for this species around Lake Vyrnwy on 17 Apr, there were two lekking males plus a third bird (immature male or female).

RED GROUSE	<i>Lagopus lagopus</i>	RB3
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Small numbers recorded at Glaslyn MWT Reserve on 7 Apr, 29 Jun, and 30 Sep; at the Source of the Severn on 17 Apr, and at Llyn Glanmerin on 10 Jan and 21 Jun. One was at Llechwedd Llwyd near Pont Rhydgaled on 30 Mar. During the Black Grouse survey in the Lake Vyrnwy area on 17 Apr, two Red Grouse were heard. A pair behaving in a territorial manner (suggesting young hidden in vegetation) in the high Berwyns on 21 May is an indication of probable breeding.

RED-LEGGED PARTRIDGE *Alectoris rufa* RB4
Scattered records. Many are released for shooting, though in far smaller numbers than Pheasants.

QUAIL *Coturnix coturnix* S2
A calling male was at the north end of Lake Vyrnwy on 29 Jun.

PHEASANT *Phasianus colchicus* RB5
Widespread and abundant, especially in areas where they are released for shooting.

CANADA GOOSE *Branta canadensis* RB5
Abundant, especially in the Severn floodplain near Welshpool. 500+ were counted at Dolydd Hafren on 13 Nov. Often in large numbers too at Dyfi Junction, e.g.119 on 20 Jan.

GREYLAG GOOSE *Anser anser* RB4
Usually present at Dolydd Hafren and Llyn Coed-y-Dinas. Maximum counts were 100 at Dolydd Hafren on 10 Feb; 57 at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 24 Jul and 100 there on 14 Sep.

WHITE-FRONTED GOOSE *Anser albifrons* W2
Now a scarce winter visitor to the Severn Valley. 2 were at Dolydd Hafren on 5 Mar, where a single was also seen on 21 Mar. They were not assigned to a subspecies.

MUTE SWAN *Cygnus olor* RB4
Frequently seen on our larger rivers and lakes and on the Montgomery Canal. A 21-year-old male, Z91240, was found dead at Llanymynech, only 8 km from where it was ringed as a nestling in 1998 at Wern, near Arddleen, (see Ringing Recoveries, below).

WHOOPER SWAN *Cygnus cygnus* W3
A winter visitor along our rivers in varying numbers. 6 adults arrived at Llyn Du, near Clatter, on 6 Jan and stayed until 13 Jan. 6 also flew over the Tanat and Rhaeadr confluence near Llanrhaeadr on 21 Jan. 3 were by the Severn at Pool Quay on 21 Feb, and one was photographed at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 28 Dec.



Whooper Swan at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 28 Dec, by Mark Wilson

SHELDUCK*Tadorna tadorna*

RB2, W

A regular visitor to Llyn Coed-y-Dinas between Jan and May in small numbers. One was at Dolydd Hafren on 10 Feb, and 3 there on 14 Apr. The top count was 6 at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 30 May, but they seem to have been non-breeders. Also recorded at Cors Dyfi on 26 Mar.

MANDARIN DUCK*Aix galericulata*

RB3

This secretive woodland duck has established a small breeding population in the county in recent years. Breeding was confirmed at Lake Vyrnwy (two pairs), Penybontfawr on the Afon Tanat, and at Red House MWT Reserve at Garthmyl. Other records came from Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 23 Feb and 9 Mar, the Wye south of Llangurig on 15 Mar, 18 May and 22 Jun, and Meifod on 26 Aug.



Mandarin Duck at Lake Vyrnwy, 18 May, by Edd Cottell

SHOVELER*Spatula clypeata*

W3

Apart from a single at Dolydd Hafren on 22 Dec, all records come from Llyn Coed-y-Dinas. Two were present there on various dates between 4 Jan and 6 Mar.

GADWALL*Mareca strepera*

P2

2 at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 10 May were the only ones reported.

WIGEON*Mareca penelope*

W5

Reported only from Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and Dolydd Hafren, and only in Jan-Mar and Dec. The maximum count was 40 at Dolydd Hafren on 30 Dec.

MALLARD*Anas platyrhynchos*

RB5

A widespread breeder and winter visitor throughout the county.

PINTAIL*Anas acuta*

W2

3 were photographed at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 29 Dec.

TEAL*Anas crecca*

W4

Mostly a winter visitor, with maximum counts of 40 at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 4 Jan; and 30 at Dolydd Hafren on 3 Jan and 30 Dec.

POCHARD*Aythya ferina*

W2

A scarce bird in the county: 2 were at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas between 15 Feb and 14 Mar.

TUFTED DUCK*Aythya fuligula*

RB3, W4

Most records came from Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, with a maximum of 16 on 25 Mar.

GOLDENEYE*Bucephala clangula*

W3

A few scattered winter records with a maximum of 3 birds at Llyn Glanmerin on 22 Jan; other records came from Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and Llyn Clywedog. One female was at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on the late date of 1 Apr.

GOOSANDER*Mergus merganser*

RB4

Widespread and recorded all year round, usually on rivers in summer but often also on large lakes in winter. Goosanders nest in holes in trees, for example at Lake Vyrnwy and along the Severn. An early brood consisted of 6 small young with adult female on the Wern near Arddleen on 13 Apr; another notable record was from the Vyrnwy Caravan Park, of one female with 22 ducklings on 3 Jun.



Goosander and brood on the Wern near Arddleen, 13 Apr, by Sue Southam

NIGHTJAR*Caprimulgus europaeus*

SB3

Two singing males were at Lake Vyrnwy on various dates in June; however, this species must be seriously under-recorded in the county.

SWIFT*Apus apus*

SB4

The first reported arrivals were over Machynlleth and Llanfair Caereinion on 30 Apr, with most arriving a week or two later. Most usually depart in early August, but one late migrant was at Dolydd Hafren on 5 Sep. Numbers breeding in our towns and villages have declined in recent years.

CUCKOO*Cuculus canorus*

SB3, P4

First recorded on 20 Apr at Cors Dyfi, and latest on 21 June at Twmpath Melyn nr. Talerddig. Most calling males in April and early May are moving north on passage, but a few birds stay to breed on uplands (targeting Meadow Pipits) and at Cors Dyfi (where Reed Warblers are the host).

ROCK DOVE/FERAL PIGEON*Columba livia*

RB5

Breeds widely in urban areas.

STOCK DOVE*Columba oenas*

RB5

Surprisingly common and widespread, but often unnoticed, in a variety of habitats including mature woodland and scattered trees (for nesting), and arable fields (for feeding), often with Woodpigeons.

WOODPIGEON*Columba palumbus*

RB5

Abundant breeder and winter visitor. Autumn movements moving south and west over Welshpool involved large numbers: including 90 on 18 Oct (plus several smaller flocks), 45 on 21st Oct, and 15, 30, 30, 70 and 100 before 9 a.m. on 28 Oct.

COLLARED DOVE*Streptopelia decaocto*

RB5

A familiar sight especially in villages and around farms. Reported on 64% of the most recently received MWT winter garden survey forms.

WATER RAIL*Rallus aquaticus*

W3

Mostly a winter visitor, and heard more often than seen. Singles were reported at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 2 Jan, 25 Mar and 29 Dec. 1 was at Severn Farm Pond, Welshpool, on 10 Apr, and 2 at Pwll Penarth Newtown, on 6 Feb and 24 Dec. 3 were present at Dolydd Hafren on 15 Oct.



Water Rail at Pwll Penarth, 6 Feb, by Meurig Garbutt

MOORHEN*Gallinula chloropus*

RB4

A species that is only sporadically reported, apart from regular sightings at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and Dolydd Hafren.

COOT*Fulica atra*

RB3

A common sight on the larger water bodies such as Llyn Coed-y-Dinas. A maximum count of 22 there on 24 July.

LITTLE GREBE*Tachybaptus ruficollis*

R3

Recorded in small numbers, mostly outside the breeding season. The maximum count was of 5 at Dolydd Hafren on 3 Nov. Other records were from Lake Vyrnwy, Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, Llyn Glanmerin, Llandinam Gravels, and Pwll Penarth. See photo, p.35.

GREAT CRESTED GREBE*Podiceps cristatus*

SB3

Reported in the summer months from Lake Vyrnwy and Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, where the first two breeding attempts ended in predation. At the third attempt one juvenile fledged. Birds usually depart for the coast in autumn.



Great Crested Grebe at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 29 May, by Chris Townsend

STONE-CURLEW*Burhinus oedicnemus*

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A new bird for the county: a juvenile was at Caersws on 25 and 26 July.



Stone-curlew juvenile at Caersws, 25 Jul, by Edward O'Connor

OYSTERCATCHER*Haematopus ostralegus*

RB3

Small numbers breed on shingle along the Severn each year, especially at Dolydd Hafren. Other records are from the Dyfi near Machynlleth and Llyn Coed-y-Dinas (see photo, p.28). Here breeding was successful on the island in May. One was at Severn Farm Pond MWT Reserve, Welshpool on 17 May. One bird at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 15 Feb was ringed, but too distant to be read. One apt and poignant record: a pair flew past the Green Burial Site near Abermule on 1 May as Brayton Holt's coffin was lowered into the ground.

LAPWING*Vanellus vanellus*

RB3, W4

Maximum count was 200 at Dolydd Hafren on 10 Feb. Disappointingly there were no breeding season records, though a pair were present near Castle Caereinion in mid-April for two weeks.

GOLDEN PLOVER*Pluvialis apricaria*

W4

No summer records received, but a flock of 150 were on the Ceri Ridgeway on 15 Feb, and 90 roosting near Dolfor on 5 Apr. 41 were at Glaslyn on 30 Sep, and 35 were near Llanerfyl on 19 Oct. A single was at the source of the Severn, Pumlumon, on 2 Oct. See also Ringing Report (below).

LITTLE RINGED PLOVER*Charadrius dubius*

SB3

First of the year was at Dolydd Hafren on 26 Mar. Breeding likely there, at Caersws and at Llandinam Gravels on the River Severn, and along the Dyfi near Machynlleth. 2 birds were also at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 7 Jun.

WHIMBREL*Numenius phaeopus*

P

A spring migrant was heard in flight north-east of Carno on 16 Apr.

CURLEW*Numenius arquata*

RB3, W4

A breeder in reducing numbers on our hillsides and water meadows, Curlews are more numerous in winter, with a maximum count of 100 at Dolydd Hafren on 24 Feb. A pair raised four young

successfully on a sympathetically managed farm at Mochdre near Newtown. However, all too often nesting attempts end in failure due to predation by foxes or corvids. See also Ringing Report (below).

DUNLIN	<i>Calidris alpina</i>	P
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One was in the Berwyns above Llangynog on 30 Apr.

WOODCOCK	<i>Scolopax rusticola</i>	W4
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A common but elusive and secretive winter visitor, mostly from Russian breeding grounds. Recorded in Jan, Mar and Dec from Lake Vyrnwy, Coed Pendugwm (near Pontrobert), Commins Coch, Trefnannau near Meifod, Llanymynech, Pentre Llifior, and Llwynderw near Llanidloes. 2 new arrivals were flushed near Welshpool on 1 Nov. Woodcock are the subject of a local ringing programme: 23 were ringed during the year: see Ringing Report (below). 29 were observed at night near Llanerfyl on 5 Dec. There are two summer records: one from a reliable source is of possible breeding near Llanfair Caereinion in June. One was also at Dolydd Hafren on 18 Aug.

JACK SNIPE	<i>Lymnocyptes minimus</i>	P2
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A single bird was at Llandinam Gravels on 1 Mar. 6 were found roosting near Dolfor on both 7 Jan and 24 Mar. 3 adults were ringed in the county during the year (see Ringing Report, below).

SNIPE	<i>Gallinago gallinago</i>	RB2, W4
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No breeding records this year, but one was on territory ('chipping') north-east of Carno, on 1 May. Regularly reported from wetland areas such as Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and Dolydd Hafren in small numbers, mostly out of the breeding season. 13 adults were ringed in the county during the year (see Ringing Report, below).

COMMON SANDPIPER	<i>Actitis hypoleucos</i>	SB3
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First recorded on 6 April at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and last seen there on 17 Sep. In addition to birds on passage, many nest on shingle along the county's rivers and at Lake Vyrnwy.



Common Sandpiper at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 31 Jul, by Mark Wilson

GREEN SANDPIPER*Tringa ochropus*

P3

Reported from Dolydd Hafren on 3 dates: 13 Feb, 21 Apr, and 17 Jul.

REDSHANK*Tringa totanus*

P3

Records come from Dyfi Junction: 2 on 3 Apr and 20 on 9 Dec; also nearby at Cors Dyfi on 18 Apr. A single was at Dolydd Hafren on 20 Mar, and 1 was photographed at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 8 May.

GREENSHANK*Tringa nebularia*

P2

One was at Dolydd Hafren on 7 Aug.

BLACK-HEADED GULL*Chroicocephalus ridibundus*

RB4

The breeding colony at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas numbered about 200 pairs, with about 300 young fledged. However, on 10 Mar, an estimated 800 birds were present there. 25% of the MWT garden surveys in summer 2019 recorded the species, presumably mostly in flight.

MEDITERRANEAN GULL*Ichthyaeetus melanocephalus*

P2

One immature was in the Black-headed Gull colony at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 30 May and 7 Jun.



Mediterranean Gull immature with Black-headed Gulls, Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 30 May by Chris Townsend

COMMON GULL*Larus canus*

PW3

Occasional passage migrant and winter visitor. There were several records in the Machynlleth area in Jan and Feb; a single was on the Afon Dyfi nr Machynlleth on 6 Oct.

GREAT BLACK-BACKED GULL*Larus marinus*

P3

A few scattered records of small numbers, almost all in the west of the county, e.g. Cors Dyfi, Wylfa nr. Machynlleth, the Upper Severn near Old Hall, and Llyn Glanmerin, but also one from Dolydd Hafren.

HERRING GULL*Larus argentatus*

RB3, W4

Herring Gulls in the county are outnumbered by the next species, but small numbers nest in Welshpool and Newtown. Outside the breeding season, they are more widespread, especially in the west of the county. The top count was 120 at Llyn Clywedog on 1 Oct.

LESSER BLACK-BACKED GULL*Larus fuscus*

RB4, W5

In recent years this has become our most abundant gull, commonly seen on newly ploughed and newly silaged fields. Large flocks are now regular in winter, whereas 50 years ago almost all would have migrated south to the Mediterranean. Potters, near Welshpool Station, has a regular breeding population of a few pairs, which regularly fly over to Llyn Coed-y-Dinas to predate Black-headed Gull chicks.

ARCTIC TERN*Sterna paradisaea*

P2

A single was reported at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 17 Aug. 'Comic' Terns are surprisingly rare in the county, with even fewer Common than Arctic in the last 20 years; but according to Holt & Williams (*The Birds of Montgomeryshire*, 2008) Common was the more often recorded of the two in the 1900s.

BLACK TERN*Chlidonias niger*

P2

One adult was at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 8 and 9 May, which was watched for 6 hours on those two days, never landing during that time. A juvenile was photographed at the same lake on 27 Jul.



Black Tern juvenile at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 27 Jul, by Mark Wilson

GREAT SKUA*Stercorarius skua*

V2

A single bird flew over Machynlleth on northbound migration on 17 Apr.

GREAT NORTHERN DIVER*Gavia immer*

V2

A single bird was photographed on Lake Vyrnwy early morning on 10 Dec. It circled high and disappeared over the dam. This is believed to be the first county record since 2005.

CORMORANT*Phalacrocorax carbo*

RB2, W4

A common sight along the county's main rivers. Maximum count was of 32 at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 29 Dec. There were 9 birds there on 17 Sep and 9 at Llyn Clywedog on 18 Nov. One pair nested at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas where two young fledged.

CATTLE EGRET*Bubulcus ibis*

V1

A single in breeding plumage was at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 27 Apr, but did not stay long. It was only the second record for the county, following the first at Cors Dyfi on 12 Jul 2017.



Cattle Egret at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 27 Apr, by Meurig Garbutt

GREY HERON*Ardea cinerea*

RB3

The recently established heronry in a small wood above The Flash in Welshpool has increased to 31 pairs. 7 birds were at Dolydd Hafren on 24 Mar – not far from the heronry at Glansevern Hall.

GREAT EGRET*Ardea alba*

V3

An amazing year for this egret in the county! It is interesting to speculate how many individuals were involved. One was near Machynlleth on 6 Jan and 14 Feb; one was at Pant Pool, nr. Guilsfield from 30 Apr to 6 May; one at Caersws on 19 Jun; one was at Aberhafesp on 25 Oct and 15 Nov; one was at Newtown on 29 Dec; and records came from Dolydd Hafren on 21 Apr and 22 Dec.

LITTLE EGRET*Egretta garzetta*

R3

Increasing and spreading through the county each year, but none reported during the breeding season. Dolydd Hafren seems to be the most reliable site for them: the maximum count was 8 there on 20 Nov.

OSPREY*Pandion haliaetus*

SB3

Two pairs nested in the county. At Cors Dyfi, adults Monty and Telyn fledged 3 chicks which were ringed. At Llyn Clywedog, adults Delyth and Dylan fledged 3 chicks which were also ringed, but one chick disappeared soon after fledging. An early migrant was at Glaslyn MWT Reserve on 29

Mar, one was at Caersws on 12 May, and one was near Garthmyl on 16 Jun. Records came from Lake Vyrnwy on 20 and 21 May and 18 Jun, and singles were at Dolydd Hafren on 2 Jul and 7 Aug.

SPARROWHAWK *Accipiter nisus* RB4

A common resident throughout the county, secretive during the breeding season. Often conspicuous around bird feeders. In the most recent MWT winter garden survey, 55% of respondents recorded at least one visit.

GOSHAWK *Accipiter gentilis* RB3

Widespread but often under-reported; 24 reports came in from most months of the year. Goshawks favour conifer forests for breeding.

MARSH HARRIER *Circus aeruginosus* P2

A female visited Cors Dyfi on 31 Mar, and another was at Dolydd Hafren on 12 May.

HEN HARRIER *Circus cyaneus* RB3

Scattered records from the Glaslyn, Llangynog, Cefn Coch, and Caersws areas. A female was at Cors Dyfi on 2 Apr. A pair was on territory near Lake Vyrnwy but no nest was found. In the Berwyns S.P.A., one pair nested successfully, raising 5 young.

RED KITE *Milvus milvus* RB4

According to the BTO, there has been a fourfold increase in the Welsh population of Red Kite in the last 25 years. They can now be seen over any part of the county on a regular basis. See also Ringing Report (below).



Red Kite (and Magpie) at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 6 Apr, by Edd Cottell

BUZZARD *Buteo buteo* RB5

The most commonly reported raptor in the county. Buzzards are a familiar sight all year round, throughout the county: the species was reported over the gardens of 91% of the respondents of the latest MWT winter garden bird survey. Buzzard density in Wales is as high as anywhere in Europe, according to a recent RSPB study.

BARN OWL*Tyto alba*

RB3

The Montgomeryshire Barn Owl Group reported 31 successful breeding attempts in the county, with 94 chicks raised.

TAWNY OWL*Strix aluco*

RB4

Widely distributed. They were recorded in 68% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

LITTLE OWL*Athene noctua*

RB3

Following a concerted effort to locate breeding pairs in 2019, records came in from 20 sites, with breeding confirmed at 6 sites. Two broods were ringed. However, Little Owls are much harder to find in the county than 25 years ago, with numbers in Wales reducing by three-quarters in that period (according to the BTO Breeding Bird Survey). Their distribution is mainly in the south-east of the county.

LONG-EARED OWL*Asio otus*

W2

A single was near Llanerfyl on 26 Nov. Both this and its close relative (see below) were found by an expedition ringing Woodcock at night.

SHORT-EARED OWL*Asio flammeus*

W3

Records of singles came from near Dolfor on 10 Jan and 26 Feb. One was at Cors Dyfi on 28 Apr, and one was near Llanerfyl on 26 Nov. See Long-eared Owl (above).

KINGFISHER*Alcedo atthis*

RB4

Recorded from rivers, streams and lakes throughout the county, with multiple records from Dolydd Hafren after the breeding season. In mid-winter many Kingfishers depart for the coast, but there was one record from the Severn near Newtown on 13 Dec.



Kingfisher at Dolydd Hafren, 19 Mar, by David Lister

LESSER SPOTTED WOODPECKER*Dryobates minor*

The only record was a single on 1 Jan, in Powis Castle Park, Welshpool.

GREAT SPOTTED WOODPECKER*Dendrocopos major*

RB5

Widespread and common. Often recorded on feeders in the larger and more rural gardens: they were recorded in 91% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys. In the last 25 years, numbers in Wales have more than tripled (according to the BTO Breeding Bird Survey).

GREEN WOODPECKER*Picus viridis*

RB3

Widespread in small numbers, mostly in the eastern half of the county. Reports came in at various times of year from Bwlchyddar (nr. Llanfyllin), Pontrobert, Cefn Coch, Welshpool, Llandyssil, Middletown, Dolydd Hafren and Llwynderw (nr. Llanidloes).

KESTREL*Falco tinnunculus*

RB3

Kestrels are inexplicably scarce in the county. Records, mostly of single birds, came in from Ardleen, Cefn Coch, Caersws, Roundton Hill, Penybontfawr, Carreghofa, Middletown and Dyfi Junction. A pair bred successfully, raising 5 chicks, near Clatter.

MERLIN*Falco columbarius*

RB2, W2

A female was photographed on the moors between Talerddig and Llanfair Caereinion on 4 Feb. One was reported west of Foel on 10 Jun. One pair nested in the Berwyns S.P.A., and raised 3 young. Another pair nesting near Lake Vyrnwy was just out of county. A female was seen hunting Meadow Pipits at the source of the Severn, Pumlumon, on 2 Oct; and a wintering bird was at Dyfi Junction on 9 Dec.



Merlin on moorland near Talerddig, 4 Feb, by David Lister

HOBBY*Falco subbuteo*

SB3

First recorded from Dolydd Hafren on 28 Apr, and the latest on 24 Aug at Guilsfield, with a few scattered records in between. A pair nested south of Newtown.

PEREGRINE*Falco peregrinus*

RB3

Breeds in several traditional sites round the county, and maintains a stable population.

JAY*Garrulus glandarius*

RB5

Jays are thriving in the county, in their preferred habitat of broadleaved woodland. They were also recorded in 82% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

MAGPIE*Pica pica*

RB5

Familiar and abundant, but not always popular. Their overall population trend in Wales in recent years is stable or slightly downwards (according to the BTO Breeding Bird Survey). They were recorded in 97% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

JACKDAW*Coloeus monedula*

RB5

A common sight among larger corvids feeding in fields. Jackdaws nest typically in holes in trees, on crags, cliffs or in old chimneys. Jackdaws were recorded in 67% of the latest MWT winter garden surveys received.

ROOK*Corvus frugilegus*

RB5

Rooks are more closely associated with arable land than their close relative Carrion Crow. Rookeries occur in suitable treetops around the county. In Wales their overall population trend is downwards, although 2019 produced more breeding success than other recent years (according to the BTO Breeding Bird Survey).

CARRION CROW*Corvus corone*

RB5

Ubiquitous and abundant. Carrion Crows have flourished alongside modern agricultural methods and in uncultivated uplands. They were recorded in 91% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

RAVEN*Corvus corax*

RB4

Ravens occur widely through the county, nesting on cliffs, crags and in trees (usually conifers). They maintain a stable population in the county, and were recorded in 62% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

WAXWING*Bombycilla garrulus*

W3

This irruptive winter visitor varies widely in numbers each year. On 3 Jan, 32 were in Llanidloes and 40 in Welshpool. At Newtown College, 1 (sometimes 2) stayed from 6 to 20 Jan. The second winter period produced no county records.



Waxwing at Newtown College, 8 Jan, by Mark Wilson

COAL TIT*Periparus ater*

RB4

A conifer specialist, Coal Tits nest and winter in the county in good numbers. They also readily visit garden feeders: they were recorded in 80% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

MARSH TIT*Poecile palustris*

RB3

Small numbers nest in the county, usually in natural sites. However, nest boxes were successfully used at Lake Vyrnwy and Dyfnant Meadows MWT Reserve. Other records came from Pontrobert, Middletown, Llanfechain, Roundton Hill and Abermule. Present almost every month in a garden at Moel-y-Garth, near Welshpool.

WILLOW TIT*Poecile montanus*

RB3

Scarce and elusive, but still present in the county where suitable wet scrub and woodland habitat remains. Willow Tits were the subject of a BTO survey in 2019: 40 territories were found throughout the county, but large areas in Hafren and Dyfnant Forests were not covered through a shortage of volunteers. 5 nests were found at Lake Vyrnwy, 4 in boxes and one in a natural site.

BLUE TIT*Cyanistes caeruleus*

RB5

Abundant and familiar, recorded in 100% of the latest MWT winter garden surveys received.

GREAT TIT*Parus major*

RB5

As for Blue Tit (above).

SKYLARK*Alauda arvensis*

RB4

Widespread on less intensive farmland and on uncultivated uplands, usually moving to lower levels in winter, or moving south out of our area.

SAND MARTIN*Riparia riparia*

SB4

An early arriving summer visitor which nests along the sandy banks of our larger rivers, especially at Dolydd Hafren and Llandinam Gravels. First reported on 1 Apr near Machynlleth. On 4 Apr, a flock of 150 visited Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, and 50 were at Dolydd Hafren on 17 Apr.

SWALLOW*Hirundo rustica*

SB5

One early arrival was in Llangurig on 30 Mar, but most of our Swallows arrive in April and early May. Most leave in Sep, but the MWT winter garden surveys report late birds in Trelydan (Welshpool) and Churchstoke in the first week of Oct. Last report was on 13 Oct, of a juvenile over Welshpool.

HOUSE MARTIN*Delichon urbicum*

SB5

First record was at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 14 Apr. Most birds return to their nesting areas in mid-May, and depart in Sep or early Oct.



House Martin juveniles at Sarn, 8 Jul, by Mark Wilson

CETTI'S WARBLER*Cettia cetti*

R2

Records of singles from Cors Dyfi on 13, 22 and 28 Jun and 3 Aug; and from Pwll Penarth on 24 Dec. Breeding likely in some years in the county, especially in 2016 when there were several summer records.

LONG-TAILED TIT*Aegithalos caudatus*

RB5

A common breeder, forming flocks with other tit species from late summer to early spring, and regularly visiting feeders in larger and more rural gardens. They were recorded in 68% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

WOOD WARBLER*Phylloscopus sibilatrix*

SB4

This iconic species is characteristic of Welsh hillsides clothed in mature broadleaf forest, especially sessile oak, with most records from May and June. Many records are from Lake Vyrnwy, but they are well distributed through the county in suitable habitat. The earliest reported was near Machynlleth on 20 Apr.

WILLOW WARBLER*Phylloscopus trochilus*

SB5

In recent years Willow Warblers have lost ground in lowland areas of Wales, but they maintain healthy populations in the uplands. First of the year was recorded at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 5 Apr, and latest was in Hafren Forest on 2 Oct.

CHIFFCHAFF*Phylloscopus collybita*

SB5

A common summer visitor, arriving in March and departing in Sep and Oct, although a few stay on to winter at a few sheltered and insect-rich sites such as Pwll Penarth MWT Reserve. They were recorded in 66% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys. See photo, p.30.

SEDGE WARBLER*Acrocephalus schoenobaenus*

SB4

The first reported was at Cors Dyfi on 10 Apr, which is the county stronghold for this species, with several breeding pairs. Other regular haunts are Dolydd Hafren, Pwll Penarth, and Llyn Coed-y-Dinas.

REED WARBLER*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*

SB3

First recorded on 20 Apr at Pwll Penarth, and latest at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas on 6 Oct, where two pairs bred successfully in front of the hide. 6 were at Dolydd Hafren on 10 and 12 May.



Reed Warbler at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 20 May, by Brian Pollard

GRASSHOPPER WARBLER*Locustella naevia*

SB3

An elusive and under-recorded summer visitor. One was at Cors Dyfi on 14 and 28 Apr, another at Cringoed nr. Llanbrynmair on 3 May, and one at Lake Vyrnwy on 20 Jun.

BLACKCAP*Sylvia atricapilla*

SB5, W3

Mostly summer visitors, arriving in large numbers in April. 48% of the MWT garden surveys in summer 2019 recorded the species. A few wintering records: 1 was at Buttington on 3 Jan; and 1 at Guilsfield on both 8 and 22 Feb. One garden in Welshpool had a Blackcap each week from November to the end of the year.

GARDEN WARBLER*Sylvia borin*

SB4

This summer visitor breeds in suitable scrub throughout the county, but is never as common as its close relative the Blackcap. First of the year was reported at Cors Dyfi on 18 Apr.

LESSER WHITETHROAT*Sylvia curruca*

SB3

First recorded at Llanymynech MWT Reserve on 24 Apr, and latest at Dolydd Hafren on 4 Sep. Other records were from Y Figyn (Cyfronydd), Lake Vyrnwy, Ardleen, Pentre Llifior and Middletown, showing a bias towards the east of the county. Never numerous, and heard more than seen.

WHITETHROAT*Sylvia communis*

SB5

Whitethroats arrive in late April and stay until August, choosing scrubby open habitats with small trees which they use for song-perches.

GOLDCREST*Regulus regulus*

RB4, W5

Many nest in the county, usually in conifers; but still more visit on autumn passage, often from Scandinavia. Commonly found in winter in suitable habitat.



Goldcrest on the Ceri Ridgeway, 6 Oct, by Meurig Garbutt

WREN*Troglodytes troglodytes*

RB5

Present in most habitats, Wrens were recorded in 94% of the latest MWT winter garden surveys received.

NUTHATCH*Sitta europaea*

RB4

We have a thriving population of Nuthatch in the county. Often seen on feeders in larger, more rural gardens, as well as in their natural habitat of mature broadleaved woodland. They were recorded in 88% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

TREECREEPER*Certhia familiaris*

RB4

Widespread and common, though less conspicuous than Nuthatch. They were recorded in 42% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

STARLING*Sturnus vulgaris*

RB4, W5

Declining as a breeding bird in the county; they were recorded in 42% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received. Winter murmurations of mostly continental migrants remain impressive. Notable examples were 3000+ at Ceri Ridgeway on 15 Feb, and 1800 at Penybontfawr on 17 Mar. Other regular sites for winter roosts are Llyn Coed-y-Dinas and Dolydd Hafren.

RING OUZEL*Turdus torquatus*

SB2, P

A passage bird was at Belan (near Welshpool) on 4 Apr, and one in more likely breeding habitat at Cwm-cemrhiw (south of Machynlleth) on 5 Apr. A female was near the south-west shore of Lake Vyrnwy on 17 Apr, and a pair probably bred in the Llangynog area.



Ring Ouzel at Belan, near Welshpool, 4 Apr, by Paula Davis

BLACKBIRD*Turdus merula*

RB5

Abundant as a breeding bird, and augmented in winter with many continental visitors.

FIELDFARE*Turdus pilaris*

W5

Frequently seen between October and April, these gregarious Scandinavian visitors often accompany Redwings. They enter gardens to feed on fallen fruit in hard weather, and were recorded on 48% of the latest MWT winter garden surveys received. 50 were at Montgomery Town Hill on 13 Apr at the end of their season, and at the start of the next 80 flew west over Welshpool on 21 Oct.

REDWING*Turdus iliacus*

W5

First recorded on 6 Oct at Llwynderw near Llanidloes. Often abundant in winter and usually outnumbering Fieldfare.

SONG THRUSH*Turdus philomelos*

RB5

A familiar but retiring species, recorded in 62% of the latest MWT winter garden surveys received. Most conspicuous in spring and summer when males are singing, repeating each phrase. Many more continental birds arrive for the winter.

MISTLE THRUSH*Turdus viscivora*

RB4

Mistle Thrushes nest in various woodland, woodland edge, and hedgerow habitats, and draw attention to themselves in late winter and early spring with their loud, short song-phrases. After the breeding season, family parties join up and can sometimes be seen in flocks of 20 or more, especially on open hillsides where they defend fruiting rowan trees.

SPOTTED FLYCATCHER*Muscicapa striata*

SB3

This declining summer visitor was first reported on the early date of 3 May at Guilsfield. The latest was 26 Aug. Records came in from a number of sites: Coed Pendugwm, Glyn Wood (Berriew), Machynlleth, Esgair Llewellyn (near Aberliefenni), Lake Vyrnwy, Welshpool, Y Wylfa (near Machynlleth), Llyn Clywedog, Old Hall, Ceri Ridgeway and Llandyssil, where one pair raised two broods.

ROBIN*Erithacus rubecula*

RB5

Well distributed throughout our woods, hedges and gardens. Notable among British birds for maintaining individual winter territories, with females singing in defence of their patch just as males do.

PIED FLYCATCHER*Ficedula hypoleuca*

SB4

At Lake Vyrnwy, there were 110 nesting attempts in nest-boxes. Breeding success was lower than usual due to torrential rains in June. First record was on 11 Apr at Llwynderw, near Llanidloes. Pied Flycatchers are seldom recorded in late July or August as birds leave the county on early migration. See also Ringing Report (below).



Pied Flycatcher female near Welshpool, 12 Apr, by Brian Pollard

BLACK REDSTART*Phoenicurus ochruros*

P3

Two records from Carno (11 Apr and 4 Nov), one from Middletown on 14 Apr, one from Lake Vyrnwy (1 Aug), and 1 from Llansantffraid on 1 Sep.

REDSTART*Phoenicurus phoenicurus*

SB4

First recorded in the Welshpool area on 8 Apr. A relatively common breeding visitor in suitable habitat throughout the county.

WHINCHAT*Saxicola rubetra*

SB3

13 records received in 2019. First record was at Cors Dyfi on 11 May. Reported mostly from the Lake Vyrnwy area, but also from Cringoed near Llanbrynmair, Llyn Glanmerin, and one on passage at the lowland site of Dolydd Hafren on 17 Jul. The latest was at Forge, near Machynlleth, on 1 Sep.

STONECHAT*Saxicola rubicola*

SB4

Scattered records: Stonechats nest in small numbers typically on uncultivated hillsides, often with heather or gorse.

WHEATEAR*Oenanthe oenanthe*

SB3, P4

Fairly familiar on hillsides, mountains and arable fields in spring and autumn, with a few staying to breed. First of the year was at Cors Dyfi on 29 Mar, and the latest were a group on barley stubble in mid-Sep at Castle Caereinion.

DIPPER*Cinclus cinclus*

RB3

Dippers can be found throughout the year on fast-flowing streams and rivers throughout the county. The species is the subject of a local ringing programme (see Ringing Report below). 2019 was a poor breeding season within the study area.



Dipper at Sarn, 16 Feb, by Mark Wilson

HOUSE SPARROW*Passer domesticus*

RB5

Common in towns, villages and around farms. House Sparrows appear to maintain a stable population in the county, (in contrast with the abrupt declines noted in towns in other parts of the country). They were recorded in 94% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys. The largest flock reported was 60 at Ceinws, near Machynlleth, on 22 Aug.

TREE SPARROW*Passer montanus*

RB3

Few records of this declining species. 1 was on a feeder in Llansantffraid on 16 Feb, and 4 at Wern near Arddleen from 6 to 8 Mar. A pair nested again near Churchstoke, and another pair at Tregynon. 2 were at Sarn on 31 Dec.



Tree Sparrow on the Wern near Arddleen, 7 Mar, by Sue Southam

DUNNOCK*Prunella modularis*

RB5

A familiar but inconspicuous resident of our gardens and hedgerows, announcing its presence in spring with a repeated, rather tuneless jingle. They were recorded in 85% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

YELLOW WAGTAIL*Motacilla flava*

SB3

Elusive and declining in the county, these summer visitors favour rough pasture and water meadows. Normally recorded from Dolydd Hafren, this year produced two records there: 2 on 21 Apr and 1 on 5 Jun. The only other reports were of a single at Carreghofa on 17 Jun, and another south-west Abermule on 6 Aug.

GREY WAGTAIL*Motacilla cinerea*

RB4

Resident and widespread along streams, rivers and the Montgomery Canal.

PIED WAGTAIL*Motacilla alba*

RB5

A bird often associated with farmyards and villages. Outside the breeding season, a regular roost can be found at the sewage works at Pwll Penarth near Newtown. They were recorded in 65% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

MEADOW PIPIT*Anthus pratensis*

SB5

Common breeder on treeless hillsides throughout the county.

TREE PIPIT*Anthus trivialis*

SB4

Under-recorded, but a regular summer visitor on open hillsides with scattered trees used as song-perches. First recorded were 3 passage birds over the Dyfi floodplain on 15 Apr.



Tree Pipit at Frochas Common, 22 Apr, by Chris Townsend

CHAFFINCH*Fringilla coelebs*

RB5

Common but declining in the county, conspicuous when breeding with its loud song. They were recorded in 91% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys. In winter numbers are augmented by continental birds, mostly from Scandinavia.

BRAMBLING*Fringilla montifringilla*

W4

A regular winter visitor to the county from Scandinavia in varying numbers. A long-staying flock at Pen-yr-Allt Wood near Llanidloes was present from 7 to 25 Jan, reaching 500 in number. A flock of 50 was at Llwynderw (nr Llanidloes) on 10 Feb. Over 100 were ringed in a garden outside Welshpool between January and April, including one originally ringed in Belgium. 30 were in a Llandyssil garden on 8 Apr., and one singing at Llwynderw, near Llanidloes, on 11 Apr. However, numbers were much reduced in the winter of 2019-20: one was on the Wern, near Arddleen on 21 Nov; and the Welshpool garden mentioned above had only two sightings of one individual at the end of the year. See also Ringing Report (below).



Brambling male at Llandyssil, 8 Apr, by Meurig Garbutt

HAWFINCH*Coccothraustes coccothraustes*

RB2, W3

The county's stronghold for this elusive finch is in the west around Machynlleth. Most records came from Machynlleth Cemetery on various dates in Feb and Mar, with a maximum of 6 birds on 8 Mar. There were June records also from Machynlleth and Ceinws, suggesting breeding nearby. One was also at Bryntail, Clywedog on 21 Apr. In the Welshpool area, the favoured wintering ground around the car park of Powis Castle produced records of a flock of 20 on 2 Jan and 2 on 28 Dec, but they eluded many observers.

BULLFINCH*Pyrrhula pyrrhula*

RB5

Often overlooked and elusive, but present throughout in suitable habitat in apparently stable numbers. 57% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received recorded the species.

GREENFINCH*Chloris chloris*

RB5

Patchily distributed through the county in small numbers. In recent years Greenfinches in U.K. have been badly affected by the disease *Trichomonosis*, which is related to poor hygiene at bird feeders. They were recorded in 74% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys received.

LINNET*Linaria cannabina*

RB5

Breeding often semi-colonially and in gorse, Linnets are widespread in suitable habitats in summer. The maximum count was of 50+ in stubble at Guilsfield on 7 Apr.

LESSER REDPOLL*Acanthis cabaret*

RB4

Lesser Redpolls are associated with birches and conifers. A spring passage through the county brings some birds to garden feeders. Some stay on to breed in *fridd* habitat: recently fledged youngsters were recorded at Lake Vyrnwy on 8th Aug. They are easily observed on feeders at Cors Dyfi MWT Reserve.



Lesser Redpoll at Sarn, 4 Mar, by Mark Wilson

CROSSBILL*Loxia curvirostra*

RB4

Resident breeder (starting in Jan) and irruptive winter visitor, in large conifer plantations. Records came from various parts of the county, with a maximum count of 30 on the Ceri Ridgeway on 24 Jan, some of them displaying and collecting nest material.



Crossbill on Ceri Ridgeway, 15 Feb, by Mark Wilson

GOLDFINCH*Carduelis carduelis*

RB5

A common visitor to gardens, bird feeders and rough pastures throughout the county, with an upward population trend. They were recorded in 88% of the summer 2019 MWT garden surveys.

SISKIN*Spinus spinus*

RB4

A common breeder in upland conifer plantations; and regular in varying numbers on garden feeders. See also Ringing Report (below).

YELLOWHAMMER*Emberiza citronella*

RB4

A bird of patchy distribution in the county, and losing ground in areas of more intensive agriculture. However, it can still be found (e.g. in the Tanat Valley) both as a breeding bird and on garden feeders. Notable flocks were in the west of the county: 35 near Machynlleth on 20 Jan, and 28 on Y Wylfa on 19 Feb.

REED BUNTING*Emberiza schoeniclus*

RB3

Patchily distributed around wetlands and uplands; a maximum of 20 recorded at Dolydd Hafren on 23 Oct. Not so often reported from garden feeders, but one female was a regular at Wern, near Ardleen, in Mar, occasionally joined by a male, (photo, p.35).

Excluded Records: feral but free-flying Barnacle Geese were at Cors Dyfi on 29 Aug.



Oystercatcher at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 15 Feb, by Mark Wilson

Ringling Report 2019

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 2019 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
Canada Goose	0	0	1	0	1
Mute Swan	40	0	1	0	41
Whooper Swan	0	0	1	0	1
Mandarin	0	3	0	0	3
Mallard	0	0	3	0	3
Teal	0	0	1	0	1
Goosander	0	2	2	0	4
Red Grouse	0	0	1	2	3
Little Grebe	0	0	1	0	1
Sparrowhawk	0	1	1	0	2
Goshawk	3	0	0	0	3
Oystercatcher	0	0	1	0	1
Golden Plover	0	34	51	4	89
Little Ringed Plover	2	0	0	0	2
Curlew	3	0	6	0	9

Woodcock	0	63	59	0	122
Jack Snipe	0	0	3	0	3
Snipe	0	0	13	0	13
Common Sandpiper	2	3	1	0	6
Green Sandpiper	0	5	1	0	6
Stock Dove	12	0	11	0	23
Woodpigeon	0	0	2	0	2
Collared Dove	0	0	1	0	1
Cuckoo	0	0	2	0	2
Barn Owl	32	0	3	0	35
Tawny Owl	8	1	3	0	12
Little Owl	4	0	0	0	4
Short-eared Owl	0	1	0	0	1
Kingfisher	0	2	2	0	4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	0	6	2	0	8
Kestrel	7	0	1	0	8
Jay	0	2	5	0	7
Jackdaw	57	0	1	0	58
Coal Tit	20	62	6	0	88
Marsh Tit	13	1	0	0	14
Willow Tit	27	23	5	0	55
Blue Tit	544	290	121	0	955
Great Tit	256	108	53	1	418
Skylark	0	0	4	0	4
Sand Martin	0	1	35	0	36
Swallow	54	0	2	0	56
House Martin	7	7	1	0	15
Long-tailed Tit	0	3	5	40	48
Willow Warbler	6	30	22	1	59
Chiffchaff	0	110	19	4	133
Wood Warbler	18	1	4	0	23
Reed Warbler	15	1	3	0	19
Blackcap	4	94	33	1	132
Garden Warbler	0	14	4	1	19
Lesser Whitethroat	0	1	0	0	1
Whitethroat	0	12	1	0	13
Goldcrest	0	99	12	24	135
Wren	6	20	16	4	46
Nuthatch	33	2	4	4	43
Treecreeper	0	15	3	2	20
Starling	0	2	3	0	5
Blackbird	35	36	22	0	93
Fieldfare	0	5	35	0	40
Redwing	0	279	59	13	351

Song Thrush	4	17	3	1	25
Spotted Flycatcher	4	0	0	0	4
Robin	20	53	25	1	99
Pied Flycatcher	1,425	0	129	0	1,554
Redstart	85	1	3	0	89
Whinchat	6	0	0	0	6
Stonechat	0	1	0	0	1
Dipper	63	9	9	0	81
House Sparrow	44	6	3	7	60
Dunnock	0	47	11	2	60
Grey Wagtail	30	0	0	0	30
Meadow Pipit	8	0	0	0	8
Tree Pipit	0	0	1	0	1
Chaffinch	0	8	27	0	35
Brambling	0	0	261	0	261
Bullfinch	2	7	18	1	28
Greenfinch	0	27	17	3	47
Linnet	0	3	0	0	3
Lesser Redpoll	0	1	3	0	4
Goldfinch	0	51	170	0	221
Siskin	0	3	424	0	427
Yellowhammer	0	0	3	0	3
Reed Bunting	0	1	0	0	1
Total	2,899	1,574	1,759	116	6,348



Chiffchaff at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 18 Mar, by Brian Pollard

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

A selection of interesting ringing recoveries reported in 2019 are listed below.

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 27 Jun 2020)

Canada Goose			
5274497	Adult	26/06/2016	Bowness-on-Windermere: 54°21'N 2°55'W (Cumbria)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	05/03/2019	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, Montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys) 196km S 2y 8m 7d
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) 7km N 14y 0m 24d
	Caught by ringer	08/09/2016	Wern, Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°6'W (Powys) 8km N 18y 0m 20d
	Freshly dead (predated)	26/11/2019	Montgomery Canal, Llanymynech: 52°46'N 3°5'W (Powys) 8km N 21y 3m 7d
Z52898	Nestling Female	11/09/2006	Wern, Arddleen: 52°42'N 3°6'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	10/09/2015	Arddleen, near Welshpool: 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 3km 8y 11m 30d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	06/09/2017	Arddleen (North): 52°43'N 3°6'W (Powys) 3km 10y 11m 26d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	07/07/2019	Wern, arddleen: 52°42'N 3°6'W (Powys) 1km 12y 9m 26d
ZZ8435	Adult Male	06/09/2007	Four Crosses: 52°45'N 3°5'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	12/09/2012	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 2km 5y 0m 6d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	24/07/2014	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 2km 6y 10m 18d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	20/09/2015	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 2km 8y 0m 14d
	Caught by ringer	30/08/2019	Montgomery Canal, Arddleen, Llanymynech: 52°44'N 3°5'W (Powys) 2km 11y 11m 24d
ZZ8511	Adult Female	12/09/2008	Arddleen, near Welshpool: 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/09/2012	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 0km 4y 0m 0d
	Alive (ring read in field)	24/07/2014	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 0km 5y 10m 12d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	20/09/2015	Arddleen (South): 52°44'N 3°6'W (Powys) 0km 7y 0m 8d
	Caught by ringer	30/08/2019	Montgomery Canal, Arddleen, Llanymynech: 52°44'N 3°5'W (Powys) 1km 10y 11m 18d
Mallard			
GV34227	Adult Female	31/07/2018	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead	07/09/2019	Churchstoke area: 52°32'N 3°4'W (Powys) 9km SE 1y 1m 7d
Red Kite			
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
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	27/10/2019	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 16km SSE 14y 4m 3d
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	30/11/2019	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 16km SSE 14y 5m 6d
GC11741	Nestling	12/06/2008	Site Confidential, near Llanidloes: c. 52°27'N 3°32'W (Powys)
	Alive (wing-tag seen)	27/10/2019	Gigrin Farm, Rhayader: 52°16'N 3°32'W (Powys) 16km SSE 11y 4m 15d
Golden Plover			
DK38618	Adult	03/02/2014	Brondre Fach: 52°22'N 3°25'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	06/11/2016	Gwenlas, Llanbadarn Fynydd: c. 52°25'N 3°18'W (Powys) 10km NE 2y 9m 3d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	25/10/2019	Ceri Hill: 52°27'N 3°18'W (Powys) 12km NE 5y 8m 22d
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
	Alive (colour rings seen)	11/09/2019	Adrigole, Bantry: 51°40'N 9°43'W (Cork) 458km W 2y 6m 0d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	18/11/2019	Adrigole, Bantry: 51°40'N 9°43'W (Cork) 458km W 2y 8m 7d
FJ10852	Adult Female	11/03/2017	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, Montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	13/04/2019	Weston Farm, Binweston: 52°37'N 3°2'W (Shropshire) 10km ENE 2y 1m 2d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	13/10/2019	Ring, Clonarkilty: 51°36'N 8°51'W (Cork) 403km WSW 2y 7m 2d
FBO1606	Adult Male	26/03/2017	River Severn, Caersws: c. 52°31'N 3°24'W (Powys)
	Alive (colour rings seen)	09/07/2019	Rosscarbery, near Cork: 51°33'N 8°59'W (Cork) 396km WSW 2y 3m 13d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	10/07/2019	Rosscarbery, near Cork: 51°33'N 8°59'W (Cork) 396km WSW 2y 3m 14d
FH49950	First-year	24/03/2018	Lough Beg, near Ringaskiddy: 51°48'N 8°19'W (Cork)
	Caught by ringer	27/03/2019	Dolydd Hafren, Forden, Montgomery: 52°35'N 3°10'W (Powys) 361km ENE 1y 0m 3d
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)	17/01/2017	Devoran: 50°12'N 5°5'W (Cornwall) 296km SSW 1y 5m 11d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	12/10/2017	Devoran: 50°12'N 5°5'W (Cornwall) 296km SSW 2y 2m 6d
	Alive (colour rings seen)	18/09/2019	Devoran: 50°12'N 5°5'W (Cornwall) 296km SSW 4y 1m 12d

Woodcock			
EX42058	Adult	15/02/2011	Cannon, Llangadfan: 52°38'N 3°33'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	26/04/2019	near Vichuga: 57°12'N 41°49'E (Ivanovo Oblast) Russian Federation 2,887km ENE 8y 2m 11d
EX42058	Adult	15/02/2011	Cannon, Llangadfan: 52°38'N 3°33'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	26/04/2019	near Vichuga: 57°12'N 41°49'E (Ivanovo Oblast) Russian Federation 2,887km ENE 8y 2m 11d
EZ38332	First-year	25/02/2017	Clatter, Newtown: 52°32'N 3°29'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	19/04/2019	Verkhnyaya Vyazovnya, Serpukhovskoy District: 54°55'N 37°12'E (Moscow Oblast) Russian Federation 2,651km ENE 2y 1m 25d
EZ39086	First-year	26/01/2019	Mochdre, Newtown: 52°28'N 3°22'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (shot)	24/04/2019	Tutaevskiy District: 57°52'N 39°33'E (Yaroslavl' Oblast) Russian Federation 2,741km ENE 0y 2m 29d
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
	Dead	09/07/2019	Minchinhampton Golf Club: 51°40'N 2°10'W (Gloucestershire) 133km SE 1y 0m 26d
Chiffchaff			
LCR057	First-year	30/08/2018	River Tanat, Llangedwyn: 52°47'N 3°13'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (cat)	20/03/2019	Risbury, Leominster: 52°10'N 2°38'W (Herefordshire) 79km SSE 0y 6m 18d
Blackcap			
ACE0063	Juvenile	01/08/2019	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	15/09/2019	Erme Valley At Harford: c. 50°25'N 3°55'W (Devon) 262km S 0y 1m 14d
Blackbird			
LJ00874	Adult Female	03/01/2019	Deepcutting: 52°42'N 3°7'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	12/10/2019	Bradfield Moor: 53°26'N 1°37'W (South Yorkshire) 129km NE 0y 9m 9d
Robin			
S652684	Juvenile	18/06/2017	Bwlchyddar: 52°47'N 3°13'W (Powys)
	Freshly dead (storm)	12/06/2019	Eccleston, Chester: 53°8'N 2°54'W (Cheshire & Wirral) 45km NNE 1y 11m 25d
Pied Flycatcher			
L412857	Nestling Female	15/06/2013	Cefnllwyni: 52°45'N 3°19'W (Powys)
	Caught in nestbox	19/05/2016	Cwm Y Wyddyn Mwt: c. 52°36'N 3°17'W (Powys) 16km S 2y 11m 4d
	Caught in nestbox	26/05/2018	Cwm Y Wyddyn Mwt: c. 52°36'N 3°17'W (Powys) 16km S 4y 11m 11d
	Caught by ringer	19/05/2019	Dinnant: 52°36'N 3°16'W (Powys) 15km S 5y 11m 4d
ANE4841	First-year	19/04/2019	Holme Bird Observatory: 52°57'N 0°32'E (Norfolk)
	Caught by ringer	18/05/2019	Pendugwm: c. 52°42'N 3°19'W (Powys) 262km W 0y 0m 29d
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
	Caught by ringer	19/05/2019	Dinnant: 52°36'N 3°16'W (Powys) 143km SW 1y

			11m 12d
S653999	Nestling	05/06/2018	Lake Vyrnwy: c. 52°45'N 3°27'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	01/06/2019	Lower Minnend: 53°10'N 2°5'W (Cheshire & Wirral) 103km ENE 0y 11m 27d
Brambling			
AHE7180	Adult Male	19/10/2018	Top Scrub, Filey Brigg Country Park: 54°13'N 0°16'W (North Yorkshire)
	Caught by ringer	14/01/2019	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys) 284km SW 0y 2m 26d
ACD0927	First-year Female	30/01/2019	Dolfor, Newtown: 52°27'N 3°18'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	10/04/2019	High Lodge, near Brandon: 52°25'N 0°43'E (Suffolk) 269km E 0y 2m 11d
ACD0451	First-year Female	31/10/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	30/03/2019	Woolston Eyes No 3 Bed: 53°23'N 2°31'W (Warrington) 119km NNE 0y 4m 27d
ACD1738	First-year Female	25/11/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys)
	Sick (injury)	06/08/2019	Vitnjul, Ammarnas: 66°7'N 16°1'E (Västerbotten) Sweden 1,861km NNE 0y 8m 12d
ACD1359	First-year Female	09/11/2018	Bryn Picca, Dolfor: 52°26'N 3°22'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	15/10/2019	Reddingbootpad: 53°15'N 4°57'E (Vlieland) The Netherlands 566km ENE 0y 11m 6d
BLB 15194887	First-year Male	02/11/2017	Houtem (Veurne): 51°1'N 2°36'E (West-Vlaanderen) Belgium
	Caught by ringer	22/01/2019	Welshpool: 52°39'N 3°9'W (Powys) 435km WNW 1y 2m 20d
NOS EL39401	Full-grown Male	17/04/2018	Giljastolen, Gjesdal: 58°49'N 6°18'E (Rogaland) Norway
	Caught by ringer	24/01/2019	Dolfor, Newtown: 52°27'N 3°18'W (Powys) 929km SW 0y 9m 7d
NOS EM59571	First-year Male	08/10/2018	Bomyra, Randaberg: 59°0'N 5°34'E (Rogaland) Norway
	Caught by ringer	30/01/2019	Dolfor, Newtown: 52°27'N 3°18'W (Powys) 914km SW 0y 3m 22d
Siskin			
S927312	Adult Male	13/07/2018	Strath tongue: c. 58°30'N 4°22'W (Highland)
	Alive (ring read in field)	18/02/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 640km S 0y 7m 5d
S962002	Second-year Female	25/05/2017	Berriedale: 58°10'N 3°30'W (Highland)
	Caught by ringer	20/01/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 600km S 1y 7m 26d
	Alive (ring read in field)	22/02/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 600km S 1y 8m 28d
AKB2607	First-year Male	06/03/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	06/05/2019	Inchberry, near Fochabers, Moray: 57°34'N 3°9'W (Moray) 534km N 0y 2m 0d
AKB2392	Adult Male	16/01/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	20/01/2019	Llanfyllin: 52°46'N 3°15'W (Powys) 0km 0y 0m 4d
	Caught by ringer	04/05/2019	Bogietang, Wardend, Durriss: 57°1'N 2°24'W (Aberdeenshire) 476km N 0y 3m 18d
APE2335	First-year Male	30/03/2019	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys)
	Caught by ringer	06/04/2019	Abermule: c. 52°33'N 3°16'W (Powys) 0km 0y 0m 7d
	Caught by ringer	25/05/2019	Peebles: 55°38'N 3°11'W (Scottish Borders) 344km N 0y 1m 25d



Little Grebe at Llyn Coed-y-Dinas, 18 Mar, by Brian Pollard



Reed Buntings at The Wern, near Arddleen, 12 Mar, by Sue Southam