

Black-necked Grebe (*Podiceps nigricollis*)

GWYACH YDDFDDU

Scarce migrant

Flints. A first-winter was seen at Shotwick lake on 6/09 (KS).

(BN)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	0	
Flints.	1	1

Northern Fulmar (*Fulmarus glacialis*)

ADERYN DRYCIN Y GRAIG

Breeding resident, summer visitor and passage migrant.

Denbs. All reports of singles, all from the Towyn area on 27/04, 17/05 and 19/06 (SM).

(F.)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	3	1
Flints.	6	15

Flints. There were 2 at Gronant on 3/06 (RSm) and the other five reports were from Gwaenysgor with 15 occupied nests in a quarry on 4/04 and 3 on nests on 23/05 (ELJ).

Manx Shearwater (*Puffinus puffinus*)

ADERYN DRYCIN MANAW

Regular offshore during summer and autumn. Amber List.

Denbs. A single bird was off Belgrano on 8/07 while others, pushed in by fog, were 7 on 28/07 and 1 on 17/09 both at Towyn (SM).

(MX)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	3	7
3Flints.		33

Flints. Gronant Dunes provided all three records, with 3 on 3/06, 33 on 25/06 and 2 on 30/07 (RSm).

European Storm-petrel (*Hydrobates pelagicus*)

PEDRYN DRYCIN

Occasional summer passage migrant. Amber List.

Flints. A single bird was recorded flying W, close inshore at Rhyl on 3/10 (DCR).

(TM)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	0	
Flints.	1	1

Leach's Storm-petrel (*Oceanodroma leucorhoa*)

PEDRYN GYNFFON FFORCHOG

Autumn passage migrant. Amber List.

Denbs. Birds were seen from Rhos-on-Sea: 3 on 2/10 and 30 on 3/10 in strong N winds (RS).

(TL)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	2	30
Flints.	0	

Northern Gannet (*Morus bassana*)

HUGAN

Regular long distance visitor to coastal waters in small numbers. Amber List.

Denbs. All records were from three different parts of the north coast and from one observer (SM). Records were received in Mar, Apr, Jun, Jul, Aug and Sep, mainly in small groups of 2-10, with the highest count of 30 from W Towyn on 19/06.

(GX)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	18	30
Flints.	7	80

Flints. Records were received in Jun, Jul and Aug from three sites: POA, Gronant dunes and Rhyl. The highest counts were 26 off Gronant on 18/06, 31 there on 2/07 (both RSm) and 80 at Rhyl on 12/08 (RMB).

Great Cormorant (*Phalacrocorax carbo*)

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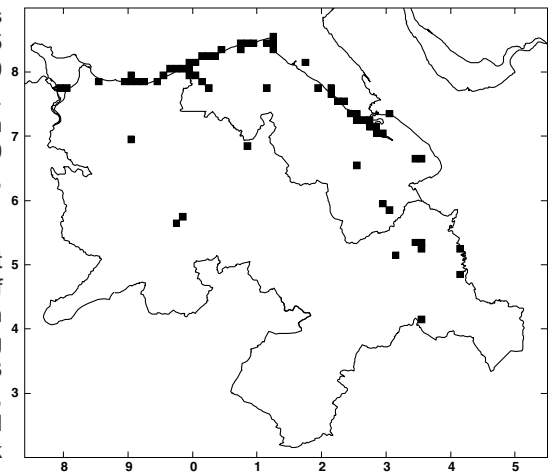
Common resident throughout the year, with no known breeding sites. Amber List.

This species is mainly seen along the coast, but with increasing records on rivers and at inland waters.

Denbs. Spring counts along the coast were lower than last year, with records of 30 flying offshore at Llanddulas on 17/02 (KS) and 60 E of Horton's Nose, Kinmel Bay on 4/06 (RMB) standing out. By contrast, some inland sites recorded high numbers, including 35 near Ridleywood on 8/02 (NFr) and 40 near Llyn Brenig on 16/03 (DDi). Coastal counts rose in autumn, with Horton's Nose, Kinmel Bay having 50 on 22/08 (SM) and 120 on 7/12 (DCR), the highest count for the year.

(CA)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	62	120
Flints.	270	112

Great Cormorant 2008



Flints. Present in all coastal areas but concentrated at CQNR and S of Rhuddlan. Both sites had counts each month, the highest at CQNR in spring being 88 (Jan) and 98 (Apr) with 93 (Oct) and 112 (Nov) in autumn (CM, GR, RR, CL, KS, NH). Birds recorded S of Rhuddlan showed a spring peak of 62 (Feb) and higher autumn counts peaking at 77 (Oct) and 80 (Nov) (SH). Numbers at Gronant built up in early Jul, peaking at 80 on 9/07 (DCR). High numbers were also reported in the Rhyl area during Oct/Nov, including 88 S of Rhyl on 5/10 (DCR), and 100 NE of Rhyl on 4/11 (RMB). Four records from inland sites included three for singles during Jan-Mar and the fourth was for 4 birds at Fagl Lane, Hope on 11/12 (NHu). The presence of 3 juveniles at CQNR on 5/06 and 4 at WS on 9/06 (CL) indicates successful breeding.

Monthly maximum counts near Rhuddlan (SH):

(CA)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
	88	32	62	98	51	19		23	79	93	112	47