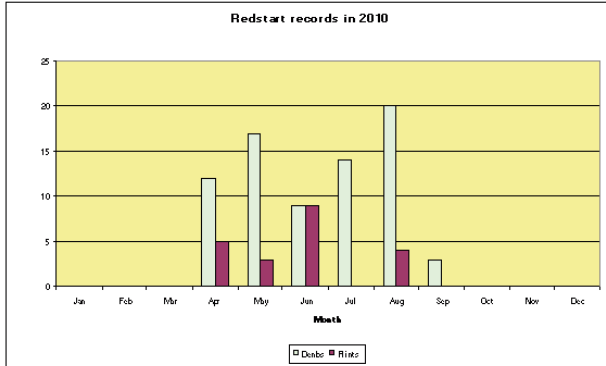


Bedwlwyn on 26/05 and 7 at Glyn Arthur on 5/06 (pBH). Breeding was confirmed at seven locations and the last bird of the year was a single at Conwy RSPB on 7/09 (JHg).



Flints. The first bird of the year was a single at Penycloddiu on 10/04, with 7 there on 16/05 (EdW). A number of records came from near

Rhuddlan and 3 newly fledged juveniles were seen on 11/06 (SH). Breeding was confirmed at just three locations and the last bird was ringed at Shotton Steelworks on 22/08 (pBH).

Breeding (MRG):

(RT)	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Eggs hatched	Young fledged	Young per nest
	3	19	19	19	6.33

Whinchat (*Saxicola rubetra*)

CREC YR EITHIN

Breeding summer visitor in small numbers, mainly in upland areas.

Denbs. Recorded Apr to Sep except Aug. The first spring record was 2 at World's End on 24/04 (KS). Possible breeding pairs were recorded at Tregeiriog and on Ruabon Mountain, both on 15/05 (NHu), but there were no records of confirmed breeding this year. There was a slight change in distribution to 2009, with gains in S along the Berwyns but fewer records in the Mynydd Hiraethog area. The highest count was of 20+ at Blaen-cwm-llawenog in the Berwyn Mountains on 5/07 (KR). The last sighting of the year was a single at Conwy RSPB on 6/09 (RS, RBM).

(WC)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	20	20+
Flints.	12	4

Flints. Recorded Apr to Sep except Jul, with the first record being 2 at Point of Ayr on 29/04 (ANB). The largest count was 4 near Rhuddlan on 14/05 (SH). The last record was at Talacre on 25/09 (NH). There were no confirmed breeding records this year.

Stonechat (*Saxicola torquata*)

CLOCHDAR Y CERRIG

Breeding resident in small numbers. Amber List.

Denbs. Recorded all months but Feb, Aug and Dec. Most records had counts of 1-3. The largest counts were: 4 at World's End on 2/06 (FCC) and 4 at Capel Siloam on 3/07 during a BBS walk (MaO). There were confirmed breeding records at both Vivod and Foel Frech.

(SC)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	46	4
Flints.	39	4

Flints. Recorded all months except Jul and Nov. Most winter records were near Rhuddlan with numbers of 1-2. Summer records mostly came from Penycloddiau: the first record of a single was on 23/05 and the last record of a single on 10/10 (WAO). A peak count of 4 was at Penycloddiau on 16/05 (EW). Three juveniles were recorded at Moel Arthur on 9/09 (WAO).

Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe*)

TINWEN Y GARN

Breeding summer visitor and passage migrant. Amber List.

(W.)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	66	15
Flints.	70	10

Denbs. Recorded Mar to Oct mainly as 1–8 birds. The first record was a single at Conwy RSPB on 6/03 (RBM). The largest counts were: 10+ at Conwy RSPB on 24/04 (pJHg), 10 at Llyn Brenig on 25/04 (LJ) and 15 at Conwy RSPB on 29/04 (JoWa). Records of fledglings confirmed breeding at both Moel Maelogan on 19/06 (JVHu) and Blaen-cwm-llawenog on 5/07 (KR). A single juvenile was recorded at Conwy RSPB on 26/08 (pJHg).

Flints. Recorded Mar to Oct except Jul mainly as 1–6 birds. The first record was a single at Connah’s Quay NR on 18/03 (AsCo). The largest counts were: 10 at Penycloddiau on 17/04 (EdW) and 7 near Rhuddlan on both the 2/05 and 14/05 (SH).

Greenland Wheatear (*Oenanthe oenanthe leucorhoa*)

TINWEN Y GARN

Passage migrant.

(W.)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	0	
Flints.	7	4

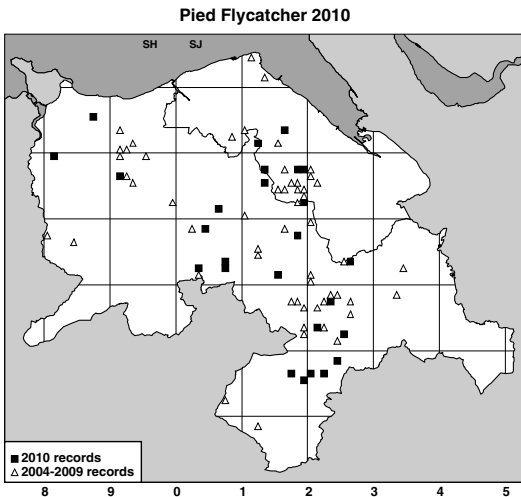
Flints. There were six records from the Rhyl/Rhuddlan area: 1 on 23/04, 4 on 27/04, 2 on 2/05, 4 on 3/05, 4 on 14/05 and 2 on 16/05 (SH). There was one record of 3 from near Shotwick on 3/05 (DSm).

Pied Flycatcher (*Ficedula hypoleuca*)

GWYBEDOG BRITH

Breeding summer visitor. Red List. WBAP

(PF)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	86	66
Flints.	10	25



Once again, the vast majority of records were of birds ringed (83.7% in Denbs) but they are from more locations than in 2009. The histogram shows that after the birds leave their nests they are not easy to see - hence the small number of records in Jul. The mainly dry weather in May and Jun seems to have been helpful to breeding birds this year with, overall, more than 2 young extra fledged per nest than in 2009.

Denbs. The first record was of 2 near