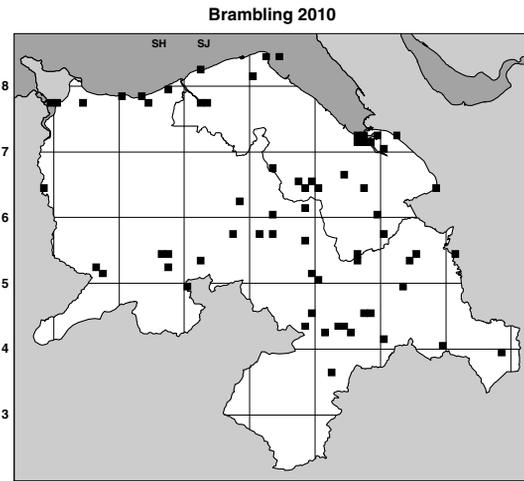


from late Oct and the maximum number of 650 was recorded on 19/12 at White Sands (Dee estuary, KDu). Fledged young were first reported from Bodrhyddan Hall near Dyserth on 16/06 (RCa).

Brambling (*Fringilla montifringilla*)

Localised winter visitor in variable numbers. RBBP.



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(BL)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	106	150
Flints.	70	100

This was a good year for Brambling, with numerous sightings across the recording area, including several from gardens and particularly large flocks seen in spring. Autumn birds were seen from early Oct onwards but mainly in single numbers.

Denbs. One hundred and six records from 40 sites and 43.4% from GBW sites. Most sightings were of birds in single figures until mid Feb when 27 were seen at Llyn Brenig on 13/02 (RS) and 50 around the dam at Llyn Brenig on 14/03 (ANB). Numbers then built up to the maximum of 150, again at Llyn Brenig on 5/04 (KS) and in Clocaenog Forest on 7/04 (ANB). A surprisingly late individual was observed at close quarters on 11/05 in the NW Berwyns (TE). The first two autumn birds arrived on 8/10 at Conwy RSPB (RBM) and small numbers of birds continued to be seen until the end of the year.

Flints. Seventy records from 25 locations, 24.3% from GBW sites. A few individuals were recorded from gardens in late winter and early spring but small flocks were seen around the Dee Estuary in Jan and Feb and again in Dec. The most notable flock was of 100 on 14/01 at Connah's Quay NR (GR). Six birds were ringed at Shotton Steelworks between 21/02 and 28/03 (pBH).

Brambling, Dermot Smith

Greenfinch (*Carduelis chloris*)

Common breeding resident.

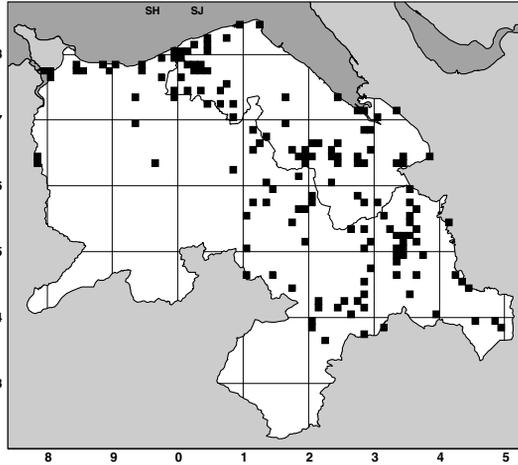
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(GR)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	842	200
Flints.	811	19

Denbs. Nearly 80% of records came from GBW sites, with the highest count from a Coedpoeth garden with 18 on 29/08 (GWO). The largest area count came from Burton Meadows with 200 on 5/08 (HL). Other larger counts came from Kinmel Bay with 40+ on 23/01 (SD) and 50+ at Nant-y-Glyn, near Colwyn Bay on 28/02 (HC).

Flints. As last year the percentage of records from GBW sites was just over 50%. The highest garden count was from the same place as last year at Caergwrie with 12 on 29/08 (ECMH) and the highest area count was not much more with 19 at Rhydymwyn on 7/09 (MD). There were reports from Rhydymwyn of some sickly birds again this year (JVHu), maybe an indication in general that Greenfinches are still being affected.

Greenfinch 2010



Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*)

Common breeding resident.

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(GO)	No of records	Max count
Denbs.	934	60+
Flints.	1128	200

Recorded in every month of the year in both counties with more records for the first half of the year. The records were distributed in a similar way to in 2009.

Denbs. The large number of records submitted suggests that Goldfinch continues to be a very common, beautiful bird. Some 69.0% of records were from GBW sites and most records were of 1-20 birds. The largest counts were: 24 at Wrexham on 4/02 (NH), 28 ringed at Garth on 31/12 (LB), 30 at Gresford Flash on 23/01 (JN), 35 ringed at Garth on 18/12 (LB) and 60+ near Glyn Arthur on 17/10 (JVHu).

Flints. Here, 49.9% of records were from GBW sites and most records were of up to 35 birds. The largest counts were: 35+ at Rhydymwyn on

Goldfinch 2010

