

2005

Denbs. Sixty records, with birds recorded every month, but with a lack of sightings reported from the S and W of the County. Most records were of single birds, but on 1/04 4 birds were seen at Fenn's Moss; 4 nestlings were ringed near Llanarmon-yn-Ial on 15/07; and on 9/09 2 birds were seen circling together at Towyn.

Flints. There were fifty six records from every month, mainly of single birds. On 15/04 at Greenfield, 2 birds were seen; on 29/04 and again on 26/07 at Rhuddlan, 2 birds were seen; on 22/10 S of Rhyl, 2 birds; and at Llanasa on 27/12 there were 2 birds hunting a flock of finches.

Breeding. Recorded at 2 nests with a count of 7 eggs leading to 5 fledged young, a mean of 2.5 young per brood (WRSG).

2006

Denbs. Of the sixty five records from every month, all but one were of single birds except for a sighting of 2 females at Towyn on 12/09. There were three records from the western part of the County.

Flints. There were sixty records, from every month, mainly of single birds, though 2+ birds were seen at Queensferry on 1/01; 2 were seen at POA on 6/02, 2 males were seen at Rhuddlan on 6/03 and 30/06, and 2 unsexed birds were seen there on 15/09 and 7/10.

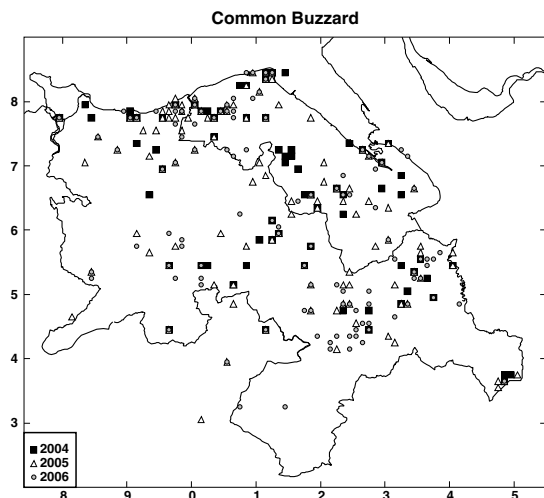
Common Buzzard (*Buteo buteo*)

BWNCATH

Common and widespread breeding resident.

2004

Denbs. There were sixty four records, many with more than one bird. See the table for the maximum count in each month, with a notable total of 10 counted near Llanfair TH on 3/10 (SM).



Flints. Of the total of eighty one records, many were of more than one bird. The table, above, shows the maximum numbers seen in each month, with 15 seen during a BBS walk on 27/04 (EW) being exceptional.

Maximum counts each month at a single location

(BZ)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Denbs	2	3	4	5	3	4	2	4	3	10	2	3
Flints	6	5	5	15	7	4	5	6	4	2	1	4

2005

Denbs. There were 107 records with the maximum counts in each month shown below. 9 were seen near Denbigh on 2/04 (ELJ); 9 were seen at Bodfari on 24/05 (OPJ) and 10 were counted at Mynydd Hiraethog on 7/11 (ELJ).

Maximum counts each month at a single location

(BZ)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Denbs	3	3	4	9	9	4	2	5	4	2	10	1
Flints	7	6	6	4	4	4	2	1	4	6	2	5

Flints. There were eighty five records with 7 birds counted together at Sychdyn on 1/01 (IMS).

2006

Denbs. There were 106 records, many of single birds, but with maximum counts shown below. 14 were seen circling together over Coedpoeth on 24/08 (JAJ).

Maximum counts each month at a single location

(BZ)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Denbs	3	5	5	5	4	4	2	14	4	6	2	2
Flints	2	2	8	4	4	5	1	3	7	4	2	3

Flints. There were 87 records with the largest counts being 8 at SS on 19/03 (PT) and 7 at Dyserth, circling over Moel Hiraddug on 26/09 (MC).

Breeding (WRSG):

(BZ)	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young fledged	Young per nest
2004	26	54	25	0.96
2005	32	75	31	0.97
2006	22	31	25	1.14

Osprey (*Pandion haliaetus*)

GWALCH Y PYSGOD

Rare spring and autumn migrant.

2004

Denbs. Seven records for this year, though two records were probably of the same bird on spring migration over RM on 14/04. Other spring records were at Penycae (2/04), and CON on 26/04, 11/05, 13/05 and 14/05 (the last three dates may have involved the same bird). Other records were of a bird flying S over Holt on 27/06 and one flying E on 2/09 at CON.

Flints. No records.

2005

Denbs. Just two records – one bird feeding on a fish on S side of Moel Famau on 2/04; and one at Lidiart y Parc, near Glydyfrdwy on 13/09.

Flints. Five records – 2 in spring at Buckley (25/03) and Queensferry (7/04). Other records were at Prestatyn (7/06) and at Rhuddlan (7/06 probably the same bird) and on 19/06 flying S harried by crows.

2006

Denbs. There were just three records – at CON (9/04) and at Penycae (8/06 flying NE and 4/08 flying S).

Flints. One spring record at Rhuddlan, flying NE chased by gulls on 16/04 (SH) and 1 bird at Flint marshes flying SE on 10/09 (RP).

Common Kestrel (*Falco tinnunculus*)

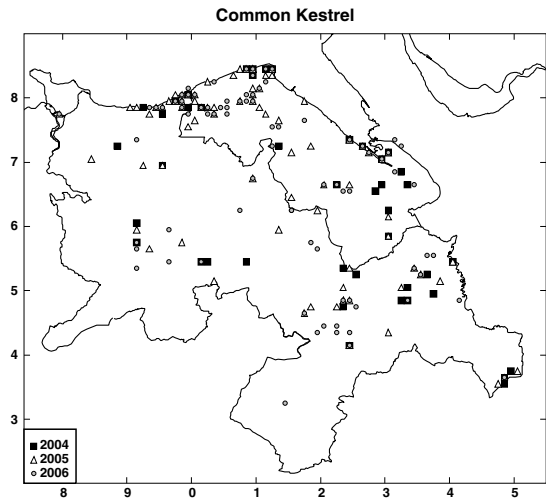
CUDYLL COCH

Common breeding resident. Amber List.

2004

Denbs. There were forty five records, most of single birds but with some of 2 birds, from every month in the year.

Flints. There were twenty eight records from each month except Feb with most records being of single birds. Two broods of three chicks were ringed at Sandycroft on 25/06 and Shotton Paper Mill on 2/07 (IMS).



2005

Denbs. There were sixty eight records each month of the year of which most were of single birds. 4 were seen at Kinmel Bay on 2/01 (KS) and 3 at Fenn's Moss on 2/07 (JPA) and 5 there on 22/11 (HP).

Flints. There were ninety three records of mainly 1 to 3 birds from every month of the year. 5 chicks were ringed at Shotton Paper Mill on 29/05 (IMS) and 5 were seen at Gronant dunes on 27/07 (RMB).

2006

Denbs. There were fifty four records from every month of the year, of 1 or 2 birds.

Flints. There were seventy seven records from every month of the year, of mainly 1 or 2 birds. Three broods ringed were 3 at Shotton Paper on 26/06, 4 at Rhydymwyn on 30/06 and 2 at Sandycroft on 1/07 (IMS).



Common Kestrel - Gary Bellingham

Breeding (WRSG):

(K.)	Nesting attempts	Eggs	Young fledged	Young per nest
2004	13	63	26	2.00
2005	10	50	33	3.30
2006	9	37	20	2.22

Merlin (*Falco columbarius*)

CUDYLL BACH

Scarce breeding resident and winter visitor. Amber List.

2004

Denbs. There were eleven records of single birds at 7 locations. Late winter records were from RM (5/01) and Holt (24/01). A f near Llanarmon-yn-Ial on 25/04 allowed close approach in a car as she sat on a hedge (PMR). Other records were on Mynydd Hiraethog (30/10), RM (4/11) and three at CON on 4/12, 8/12 and 18/12 may have been of the same bird.

Flints. There were forty records of singles from 8 locations from each month of the year except Jun. 28 records were from POA though some of these on the same date were probably the same bird (recorded there each month except Jan, May, Jun) and 6 winter records from OMR (in Jan, Feb and Dec).

Other records were from Rhyl (20/01), Rhuddlan (27/02), CQNR (12/04), Nannerch (1/05), Flint (6/12) and Rhes-y-Cae (20/12).