

Oystercatcher *Haematopus ostralegus*

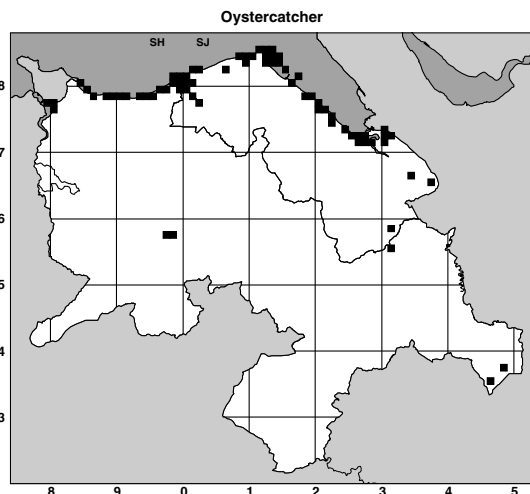
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Winter visitor and breeding resident. Amber list.

Seen in all months in both counties.

(OC)	Denbs	Flints
Occurrence	Very common	Abundant
Number of 1km squares	25	46
Maximum count	400	7000
Av max count 2004-13	547	8160
Recorded in BBS squares	-	3/15
Number of records	267	304
% of BirdTrack lists	36.9	24.9
Density	5.06	550.43

Denbs. Many of the records (68.5%) indicated that the species was present at RSPB Conwy but with no counts. Of the records with counts, most were of 1-160. The largest numbers were 200+ near Kinmel Bay at the mouth of the Afon Clwyd on 3/10 (DCR), 250 at Rhos-on-Sea on 11/09 (RRD), 275 there on 26/10 (SD), 300+ at Llanddulas on 7/09 (JVHu) and 400 at Rhos-on-Sea on 24/10 (GEM). The last largish count of the early year period was 100 at RSPB Conwy on 24/04 (PeK). After that counts were less than 100 and mainly less than 50 until there were 300+ at Llanddulas in Sep (see above). There were higher counts until the end of the year. The maximum was lower than the mean maximum for recent years. Breeding was confirmed at RSPB Conwy.



Flints. All records were of counts and the majority were 1-150 and did not include the WeBS counts obtained from the BTO. The largest counts submitted to the Recorder were 250 at Point of Ayr on 12/05 (GR), 250 near Bagillit on 22/11 (SD), 300+ at Talacre on 11/08 (DCR), 400 at Talacre gas terminal on 24/07 (GEM), 400 at RSPB Oakenholt Marsh on 26/07 (GEM) and 400 on the saltmarsh at Flint on 25/08 (GR). From the records submitted it seemed that numbers dropped after 100 were at RSPB Oakenholt Marsh on 26/05 (DeNi) and were mainly less than 50 until 100 were counted at Point of Ayr on 21/07 (GR). As can be seen from the table of WeBS counts numbers dramatically increased in Aug, presumably including many juveniles and large numbers stayed on the coast into the winter. The maximum count was lower than the average maximum for recent years. There were several records indicating confirmed breeding at Connah's Quay NR and one record of probable breeding near Gronant.

Monthly maxima from WeBS counts at selected sites from W to E:

(OC)	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
RSPB Conwy	29	14	12	227	43	416	162	189	81	88	21	42
Gronant	2500	750	173	4	127	10	120	300	750	3000	2450	111
Point of Ayr	4500	1500	2500	1000	250	120	100	6000	6200	7000	2500	6000
Mostyn Dock	4500	1330	1600	3	4			600	80	84	78	2300
Walwen Fields	4	41	500	340	195	50	40	700	616	352	920	1090
Oakenholt Marsh	2500	3000	300	6	120	45	30	1000	4000	4000	5000	20

Golden Plover *Pluvialis apricaria*

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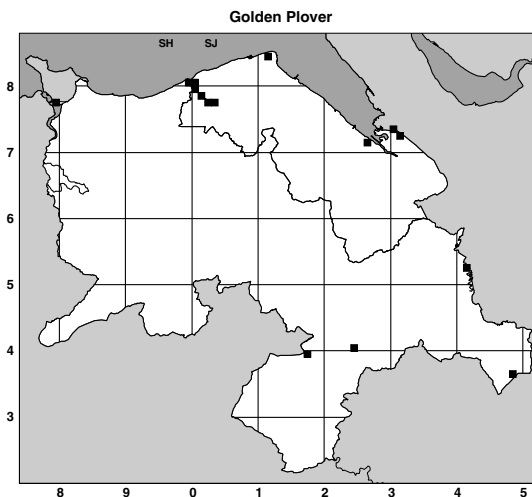
Breeding resident and winter visitor. Red list. WBAP.

Seen in these months:

D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
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Denbs. In Jan there were records at opposite ends of the county – 5 at Fenn's Moss on 3/01 (JoAr) and 160 by Kinmel Bay near the mouth of the Afon Clwyd on 21/01 (JuW). One of the Berwyn birds was heard low overhead and DSt suspected it had been flushed by a farmer moving sheep nearby to the S of Trevor Uchaf on 8/01. Two small flocks were near Ridleywood, with 60 on 3/02 and 25 on 6/02 (NFr) and 12 flew N over the Berwyns near Vivod on 10/04 (DSt) when some song was heard. The only autumn record was 1 at RSPB Conwy on 7/09 (pRCo).

Flints. All the large counts and most records were in the early part of the year, with the last record of that period being 80 at RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands on 14/04 (CW). There were nine records of over 100 and most were from RSPB Burton Mere Wetlands. The largest counts were 200 on wet grassland there on 3/03, 230 there on 28/03 and 300 there on 15/03 (CW). The first autumn record was a single at Connah's Quay NR on 24/10 (BH, KJ) and largest end of year count was 2 near Rhyl on 22/11 (AHJ).



Grey Plover *Pluvialis squatarola*

CWTIAD LLWYD

Winter visitor and passage migrant. Red list.

Seen in these months:

D	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D
F	J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D

Denbs. All three Jan records were from Horton's Nose, Kinmel Bay or near there with the maximum of 2 on 19/01 (SAH) and the last was a single on 25/01 (JuW). The first autumn record was 2 near the mouth of the Afon Clwyd on 29/09 (MaO) and the other record was a single at RSPB Conwy on 17/10 (pRCo).