

WILDFOWL AND WADER COUNTS
in the
MILFORD HAVEN WATERWAY
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Executive Summary

The Wetland Bird Survey was carried out on the Cleddau estuary system between September 2007 and March 2008, with additional counts for June and July 2007 made by Jane Hodges during the annual survey of summer shelduck populations .

Methodology followed that set out by the British Trust for Ornithology, as in previous years.

Four species reached levels of National Importance: wigeon (max. 7130 in November), teal (max. 1991 in December), greenshank (max 25 in November), and curlew (max 1832 in July).

A total peak count of 26567 birds between November and February confirms that the estuary system is of international importance for its waterfowl populations, even though the peak counts were lower for several species than they have been in recent years.

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Gwnaethpwyd Arolwg Adar y Gwlyptiroedd ar gymhlyg aber y Cleddau rhwng Medi 2007 a Mawrth 2008, gyda chyfrifon ychwanegol ar gyfer Mehefin a Gorffennaf 2007 wnaethpwyd gan Jane Hodges yn ystod yr arolwg blynyddol o boblogaethau hwyaid yr eithin.

Dilynwyd hyn gan fethodoleg wnaeth gael ei bennu fel yn y blynyddoedd blaenorol gan yr Ymddiriedolaeth Brydeinig ar Adaryddiaeth.

Bu i bedwar rhywogaeth gyrraedd lefelau o Bwysigrwydd Cenedlaethol: chwïwell (uchafswm o 7130 ym mis Rhagfyr), corhwyaden (uchafswm o 1991 ym mis Ionawr), pibydd coeswerdd (uchafswm o 25 ym mis Tachwedd), pibydd coeswyrdd (uchafswm o 1832 ym mis Gorffennaf).

Mae cyfanswm brig gyfrif o 23362 o adar yn cadarnhau fod system yr aber o Bwysigrwydd Rhyngwladol am ei boblogaethau o adar dŵr, er bod y brig gyfrifon yma yn achos nifer o rywogaethau yn is nag y maen nhw wedi bod yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf.