

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for May 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 8 different days in May (5 of these being the CES sessions); additionally, several pulli were ringed, mainly in the Group's nestboxes. The month's ringing total was 427.

Cuckoo	5	Lesser Whitethroat	1
Barn Owl	6	Whitethroat	2
Kingfisher	1	Grasshopper Warbler	3
Jackdaw	7	Sedge Warbler	14
Blue Tit	193	Reed Warbler	42
Great Tit	54	Wren	9
Bearded Tit	6	Blackbird	6
Cetti's Warbler	7	Song Thrush	2
Long-tailed Tit	3	Robin	9
Chiffchaff	13	Duncock	8
Willow Warbler	1	Chaffinch	1
Blackcap	25	Bullfinch	3
Garden Warbler	1	Reed Bunting	5

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blue Tit X876406 at 6y 0m, Blackbird LB03588 at 5y 7m, Reed Warbler L505240 at 4y 11m, Blackcap L504721 at 4y 1m, Robin Y113943 at 4y 0m and Great Tit Y409227 at 3y 7m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of May 2016 were:

Shelduck	3 on 8 th .	Peregrine	on 17 th .
Wigeon	5 on 5 th (? fit birds)	Hobby	9+ on 15 th and 16 th .
Garganey	throughout the month.	Merlin	on 13 th .
Pochard	throughout the month.	Garden Warbler	first on 5 th .
Pintail	2 on 13 th .	Nightingale	3 or 4 present
Bittern	Probably three birds.	Stonechat	on 5 th and 15 th .
Great white Heron	on 14 th .		
Kite	on 16 th , 22 nd and 24 th .		
Marsh Harrier	6 on 14 th .		
Buzzard	on 5 th , 7 th , 8 th , 20 th and 26 th .		
Osprey	one over on the 8 th .		
Crane	2 on 9 th , 16 th and 20 th ; 3 on 24 th .		
Oystercatcher	on 5 th .		
Avocet	2 on 12 th .		
Grey Plover	2 on 6 th , one on 13 th .		
Ringed Plover	on 17 th .		
Little ringed Plover	2 on 26 th .		
Common Sandpiper	on May 12 th and 14 th .		
Wood Sandpiper	2 on 5 th .		
Greenshank	2 or 3 on several dates.		
Black Tern	2 on 5 th , 9 on 6 th , one on 12 th and 13 th .		
Caspian Gull	on 25 th .		
Cuckoo	accurate counting is difficult, but 8 claimed on 5 th .		