

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for June 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 7 different days in June (5 of these being CES sessions); additionally, several pulli were ringed, mainly in the Group's nestboxes. The month's ringing total was 240; retraps were 130, so the overall "catch" was 370.

Common Tern	3, 0	Garden Warbler	2, 1
Woodpiegeon	1, 0	Blackcap	9, 11
Barn Owl	2, 0	Chiffchaff	24, 11
Kingfisher	1, 1	Willow Warbler	1, 2
Wren	11, 10	Bearded Tit	33, 3
Dunnock	6, 4	Long-tailed Tit	16, 5
Robin	25, 5	Marsh Tit	1, 0
Blackbird	7, 2	Blue Tit	25, 6
Song Thrush	4, 3	Great Tit	14, 8
Cetti's Warbler	1, 4	Tree Creeper	2, 1
Grasshopper Warbler	1, 0	Magpie	2, 0
Sedge Warbler	17, 14	Jackdaw	3, 6
Marsh Warbler	1, 0	Goldfinch	0, 1
Reed Warbler	17, 21	Bullfinch	3, 5
Lesser Whitethroat	1, 0	Reed Bunting	5, 5
Whitethroat	2, 1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Chiffchaff CHX207 at 5y 10m (a WFG record); Reed Warbler L505240 at 5y 0m; Bearded Tit L505963 at 4y 10m; Sedge Warbler Y114397 at 4y 2m; Blackcap L504775 at 4y 0m and Robin Y408900 at 3y 9m.

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

Shelduck	on 8 th .
Garganey	one or two all month.
Bittern	one or two all month.
Great white Heron	on 12 th .
Little Egret	14 on 7 th .
Kite	on 2 nd , 11 th and 12 th .
Buzzard	"several" on 10 th .
Hobby	7 on 5 th .
Oystercatcher	on 6 th .
Avocet	on 6 th and 11 th .
Black-tailed Godwit	3 on 10 th .
Common Sandpiper	on 7 th .
Green Sandpiper	3 on 1 st , 5 on 21 st .
Greenshank	on 5 th .
Yellow-legged Gull	3 on 6 th .
Turtle Dove	2 at Tubney on 11 th .
Little Owl	on 4 th .
Short-eared Owl	on 6 th and 14 th .
Stonechat	on 6 th .