

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for June 2007

There was ringing sessions at the Fen on 18 different days in June. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (comps 30 & 31) was used for 7 sessions, Area B (comps 20, 21 & 23) on 3, the Reedbed (comps 51, 52 & 53) on 7, Bakers Fen (comps 101-107) on 3 and Burwell Fens (comp 201) on 4. The month's ringing total was 443; other birds retrapped numbered 131, so a total of 574 different birds were handled during the month. In the list below, the first figure is the number ringed, the second the number of different birds retrapped

Lapwing	3, 0	Whitethroat	10, 4
Redshank	5, 0	Garden Warbler	3, 5
Barn Owl	3, 2	Blackcap	29, 10
Kingfisher	5, 0	Chiffchaff	28, 5
Swallow	1, 0	Willow Warbler	13, 6
Pied Wagtail	21, 0	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Wren	28, 9	Long-tailed Tit	28, 7
Dunnock	12, 13	Blue Tit	35, 12
Robin	48, 12	Great Tit	15, 10
Blackbird	6, 7	Tree Creeper	3, 2
Song Thrush	2, 2	Jackdaw	3, 0
Cetti's Warbler	2, 2	Chaffinch	11, 2
Grasshopper Warbler	5, 0	Greenfinch	0, 3
Sedge Warbler	21, 5	Goldfinch	1, 0
Reed Warbler	82, 5	Bullfinch	2, 6
Lesser Whitethroat	1, 0	Reed Bunting	15, 2

The 3 Jackdaws were nestlings in a box at Burwell Fen, and are a new species for the WFG list (which now stands at 98 species). The two "retrapped" Barn Owls were actually controls of the adults breeding at Guinea Hall and Burwell Fen, We have yet to hear of their origin.

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The oldest of several elderly retraps caught in the month have been Garden Warbler P093713 at 6 years 0 months, Dunnock P214527 at 5y 2m, Reed Warbler P214357 at 5y 0m, Bullfinch P974396 at 4y 0m, Blackbird XB92258 at 3y 10m and Chaffinch R428749 at 3y 3m.

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Some interesting bird sightings in June were:

Shelduck	maximum 14
Ruddy Duck	on 3rd
Little Egret	maximum 9
Heron	bred successfully on the mere
Hen Harrier	on 7th
Buzzard	on 6th
Hobby	maximum 6
Black-tailed Godwit	11 on 23rd
Green Sandpiper	maximum 4
Mistle Thrush	bred successfully

