

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for August 2007

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 16 different days in August. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for 9 sessions, the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) for 6, the Gallops area (our area B, Compartments 20-23) for one and the new site at Tubney Fen (our area Q, Compartment 300-310) also for one. The month's ringing total was 528; a further 109 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 637. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Turtle Dove	2, 0	Reed Warbler	70, 10
Cuckoo	1, 0	Lesser Whitethroat	14, 0
Barn Owl	5, 0	Whitethroat	20, 4
Kingfisher	5, 0	Garden Warbler	11, 1
Green Woodpecker	1, 0	Blackcap	40, 11
Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 0	Chiffchaff	8, 4
Sand Martin	19, 0	Willow Warbler	8, 1
Swallow	102, 0	Long-tailed Tit	8, 11
Wren	25, 7	Blue Tit	16, 14
Dunnock	4, 7	Great Tit	9, 23
Robin	19, 7	Tree Creeper	2, 0
Blackbird	27, 0	Chaffinch	1, 1
Song Thrush	7, 1	Greenfinch	76, 1
Cetti's Warbler	4, 1	Goldfinch	3, 0
Grasshopper Warbler	0, 1	Bullfinch	2, 3
Sedge Warbler	11, 1	Reed Bunting	6, 0

The overall ringing total for 2007 up till the end of August was 2836 birds of 54 species.

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The oldest of the few elderly retraps caught in the month have been Dunnock P214527 at 5 years 4 months and Great Tit P974080 at 4 years 10 months.

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There were relatively few interesting bird sightings during the month, the best being

Red Kite	On the 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wood Sandpiper	Possible on the 16 <sup>th</sup>
Honey Buzzard	Possible on the 10 <sup>th</sup>	Common Sandpiper	One on the 21 <sup>st</sup>
Little Egret	Maximum 7 on the 12 <sup>th</sup>	Grey Wagtail	One on the 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Black-tailed Godwit	One on the 28 <sup>th</sup>	Redstart	One on the 12 <sup>th</sup>
Greenshank	2 on the 20 <sup>th</sup>	Whinchat	One on the 26 <sup>th</sup>
Green Sandpiper	Maximum 9 on the 9 <sup>th</sup>		

