

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for September 2007

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 22 different days in September. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used on 15 different days, the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 9, Tubney Fen (Compartments 300-310) on 2 and Baker's Fen for one. The month's ringing total was 646; a further 197 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 843. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Garden Warbler	1, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 2	Blackcap	92, 5
Sand Martin	7, 0	Chiffchaff	32, 7
Swallow	156, 1	Willow Warbler	2, 0
Meadow Pipit	14, 0	Goldcrest	5, 0
Wren	14, 7	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Duncock	7, 9	Long-tailed Tit	36, 23
Robin	18, 15	Coal Tit	2, 0
Blackbird	24, 17	Blue Tit	41, 27
Song Thrush	13, 2	Great Tit	38, 55
Redwing	1, 0	Tree Creeper	2, 4
Cetti's Warbler	4, 1	Jay	0, 1
Grasshopper Warbler	2, 0	Chaffinch	23, 7
Sedge Warbler	3, 0	Greenfinch	34, 4
Reed Warbler	54, 0	Lesser Redpoll	1, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	3, 0	Bullfinch	2, 8
Whitethroat	4, 0	Reed Bunting	7, 2

The overall ringing total for 2007 up till the end of September was 3482 birds of 56 species.

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The oldest of the few elderly retraps caught in the month have been Robin P214307 at 5 years 3 months, Blue Tit P214422 at 5 years 2 months and Chaffinch R428533 at 3 years 11 months.

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

Buzzard	2 on the 18 th .	Turtle Dove	Last on the 22 nd .
Peregrine	On the 18 th , 20 th and 22 nd .	Nightjar	One on the 11 th .
Little Egret	Maximum 4 on the 6 th .	Swift	Last on the 7 th .
Red-necked Phalarope	One on the 7 th .	Wheatear	One on the 13 th .
Ruff	One on the 4 th .	Stonechat	One on the 26 th .
Greenshank	2 on the 6 th .	Redwing	The first on the 27 th .
Green Sandpiper	Maximum 5 on the 7 th .	White Wagtail	One on the 30 th .
Common Sandpiper	Maximum 2 on the 4 th .		

