

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for September 2009

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 19 different days in September. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used on 9 days, Gallops (Compartment 21) on 4, the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 6 and Burwell Fen on 3. The month's ringing total was 688; a further 222 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 910. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 1	Lesser Whitethroat	6, 0
Hobby	1, 0	Whitethroat	16, 0
Woodpigeon	3, 0	Garden Warbler	2, 0
Tawny Owl	1, 0	Blackcap	130, 3
Kingfisher	2, 0	Chiffchaff	46, 1
Green Woodpecker	1, 0	Willow Warbler	8, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Bearded Tit	1, 1
Swallow	2, 0	Long-tailed Tit	4, 6
Meadow Pipit	14, 0	Blue Tit	45, 40
Wren	21, 8	Great Tit	50, 71
Dunnock	19, 18	Tree Creeper	2, 3
Robin	25, 15	Jay	2, 1
Blackbird	18, 8	House Sparrow	10, 2
Song Thrush	8, 1	Chaffinch	46, 24
Cetti's Warbler	10, 6	Greenfinch	18, 0
Grasshopper Warbler	1, 0	Goldfinch	32, 5
Sedge Warbler	6, 0	Bullfinch	15, 4
Reed Warbler	101, 3	Reed Bunting	21, 0

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blue Tit R428479 at 5 years 2 months, Great Tit R490506 at 4y 10m, Robin T492161 at 3y 10m and Song Thrush RV93880 at 3y 0m. During the month a Blackcap bearing a Belgian ring was caught, and a Cetti's Warbler, ringed at the Fen on 17 July was caught at Cow Lane, Huntingdon on 12 September.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of September were:

Little Egret	On 3 rd and 9 th .
Buzzard	3 on 21 st .
Hobby	2 on 21 st and 22 nd .
Black-tailed Godwit	One on 3 rd and 5 th .
Greenshank	3 on 3 rd .
Green Sandpiper	3 on 10 th .
Little Owl	2 on 20 th .
Yellow Wagtail	10+ on 19 th and 24 th .
Meadow Pipit	c30 on 12 th and 19 th .
Stonechat	4 on 19 th .
Wheatear	On 5 th .
Whinchat	3 on 19 th and 20 th .
Redstart	2 on 20 th .

