

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for November 2009

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 16 different days in November. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used on 8 days, Gallops (Compartment 21) on 4 and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 10. The month's ringing total was 270; a further 198 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 468. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 1	Chiffchaff	2, 0
Woodpigeon	1, 0	Goldcrest	1, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 3	Bearded Tit	1, 0
Meadow Pipit	1, 0	Long-tailed Tit	4, 17
Pied Wagtail	73, 0	Blue Tit	15, 49
Wren	8, 5	Great Tit	5, 43
Dunnock	2, 12	Tree Creeper	0, 4
Robin	8, 12	House Sparrow	16, 13
Blackbird	25, 5	Chaffinch	10, 10
Fieldfare	4, 0	Greenfinch	9, 0
Song Thrush	9, 4	Goldfinch	26, 12
Redwing	17, 0	Bullfinch	4, 4
Cetti's Warbler	2, 4	Reed Bunting	24, 0
Blackcap	2, 0		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Long-tailed Tit 4Z4079 at 6 years 5 months, Robin R490405 at 5 years 2 months, Great Tit R969855 at 4 years 1 month, Blue Tit J593985 at 3 years 4 months, Wren 766595 at 3 years 1 month and Blackbird XB92594 at 3 years 1 month.

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

Hen Harrier	first on the 8 th .
Marsh Harrier	4 on the 17 th .
Merlin	on the 7 th
Bittern	on the 7 th and 10 th .
Woodcock	on the 22 nd .
Green Sandpiper	on the 4 th .
Grey Wagtail	on the 15 th and 29 th .
Stonechat	4 on the 7 th .
Bearded Tit	on the 6 th .
Redpoll	on the 27 th
Siskin	on the 27 th .

