

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for June 2011

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 16 different days in June. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 8 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on 9 and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 3. On several other days, nestling birds were ringed without the use of the nets (many of the Reed Warblers were in that category). The month's ringing total was 541, a further 198 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 739. The first figure below is the ringing total, the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Garden Warbler	5, 1
Cuckoo	1, 0	Blackcap	61, 13
Barn Owl	7, 0	Chiffchaff	42, 12
Kingfisher	1, 0	Willow Warbler	3, 3
Green Woodpecker	1, 1	Bearded Tit	7, 1
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 0	Long-tailed Tit	10, 10
Swallow	11, 0	Blue Tit	14, 16
Wren	18, 10	Great Tit	42, 24
Dunnock	16, 10	Tree Creeper	4, 5
Robin	50, 4	Jay	0, 1
Blackbird	2, 6	Jackdaw	3, 0
Song Thrush	2, 2	Chaffinch	4, 4
Cetti's Warbler	2, 2	Goldfinch	2, 0
Sedge Warbler	41, 21	Linnet	4, 0
Reed Warbler	157, 29	Bullfinch	6, 8
Lesser Whitethroat	3, 0	Reed Bunting	7, 7
Whitethroat	14, 11		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Reed Warbler R969219 at 6 years 0 months, Blackcap T941864 and Bullfinch T940973 both at 3 years 11 months, Blackbird CF10728 and Long-tailed Tit BCR440 both at 3 years 7 months, and Tree Creeper BCR471 at 3 years 6 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of June 2011 were:

Little Egret	10 on 5 th .
Kite	On several dates
Oystercatcher	On 7 th and 19 th .
Green Sandpiper	On 7 th .
Wood Sandpiper	On 4 th .
Stonechat	On Verralls on the 11 th .
Bearded Tit	Family parties ringed.

