

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for July 2011

There was mist-net ringing activity at the Fen on 20 different days in July. 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 9. On several other days, nestling birds were ringed without the use of the nets (many of the Reed Warblers were in that category, as were all the Barn Owls and Stock Doves). The month's ringing total was 757, a further 195 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 952. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Woodcock	1, 0	Reed Warbler	264, 66
Stock Dove	3, 0	Whitethroat	35, 3
Cuckoo	1, 0	Garden Warbler	9, 4
Barn Owl	3, 0	Blackcap	54, 14
Kingfisher	3, 0	Chiffchaff	46, 9
Green Woodpecker	0, 1	Willow Warbler	15, 1
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 1	Bearded Tit	6, 6
Swallow	30, 0	Blue Tit	10, 8
Wren	58, 10	Great Tit	10, 18
Dunnock	19, 4	Tree Creeper	4, 1
Robin	38, 11	Jay	0, 1
Blackbird	4, 4	Chaffinch	2, 0
Song Thrush	8, 2	Goldfinch	2, 2
Cetti's Warbler	7, 1	Goldfinch	2, 0
Grasshopper Warbler	2, 1	Bullfinch	12, 7
Sedge Warbler	88, 16	Reed Bunting	22, 4

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Reed Warbler R969877 at 6 years 0 months, Garden Warbler J593903 at 5 years 0 months and Blue Tit T941757 at 4 years 0 months.

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

Little Egret	3 on 18 th .
Quail	One over on 21 st .
Little ringed Plover	On 13 th .
Greenshank	On 6 th .
Wood Sandpiper	3 on 10 th .
Short-eared Owl	On 8 th .
Grey Wagtail	On 1 st .
Stonechat	On 30 th .

