

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for July 2012

There was mist-net ringing activity at the Fen on 14 different days in July. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 7 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on 5 and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 5. The month's ringing total was 343, a further 132 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 475. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Woodcock	1, 0	Chiffchaff	16, 7
Stock Dove	4, 0	Willow Warbler	4, 1
Kingfisher	1, 0	Spotted Flycatcher	2, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	3, 0	Bearded Tit	17, 3
Wren	29, 7	Long-tailed Tit	5, 3
Dunnock	3, 3	Blue Tit	27, 10
Robin	12, 6	Great Tit	18, 9
Blackbird	9, 7	Tree Creeper	7, 1
Song Thrush	3, 0	Jay	0, 2
Cetti's Warbler	1, 4	House Sparrow	1, 0
Grasshopper Warbler	1, 0	Chaffinch	2, 1
Sedge Warbler	31, 12	Greenfinch	1, 1
Reed Warbler	94, 33	Goldfinch	2, 0
Whitethroat	4, 3	Bullfinch	4, 7
Garden Warbler	2, 3	Reed Bunting	5, 3
Blackcap	34, 6		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Reed Warbler R969660 at 7 years 0 months, Robin N590604 at 5 y 11m, Tree Creeper 766593 at 5y 9m, Reed Bunting T940555 at 5y 3m, Bullfinch V834545 at 4y 8m, Blackbird XB92716 at 4y 0m and Jay DA12838 at 3y 0m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of July 2012 were:

Peregrine	On 15 th .
Little Egret	4 on 11 th .
Quail	On 11 th .
Spotted Crake	Heard regularly until 11 th .
Crane	Probable heard on 9 th .
Black-winged Stilt	One reported on 11 th .
Black-tailed Godwit	24 on 5 th and 6 th .
Greenshank	On 4 th and 7 th .
Green Sandpiper	3 on 4 th .
Stonechat	Female on 24 th ; pair on 27 th .
Spotted Flycatcher	2 ringed on 8 th ; recorded on 15 th .
Crossbill	2 on 26 th .

