

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for June 2013

There was ringing activity at the Fen on xx different days in June. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on xx days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on xx and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on xx. On several other days, nestling birds were ringed without the use of nets, including Swallows and, as a new breeding species for the Fen, 3 Black-headed Gulls. The month's ringing total was 340, a further xxx birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was xxx. The first figure below is the ringing total, the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Black-headed Gull	3	Blackcap	28
Stock Dove	8	Chiffchaff	22
Tawny Owl	1	Willow Warbler	12
Green Woodpecker	1	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Great spotted Woodpecker	0	Bearded Tit	3
Swallow	10	Long-tailed Tit	2
Yellow Wagtail	2	Blue Tit	63
Wren	14	Great Tit	35
Dunnock	8	Tree Creeper	3
Robin	20	Jackdaw	2
Blackbird	5	House Sparrow	1
Song Thrush	2	Chaffinch	5
Cetti's Warbler	1	Linnet	6
Grasshopper Warbler	2	Bullfinch	6
Sedge Warbler	21	Yellowhammer	3
Reed Warbler	34	Reed Bunting	5
Whitethroat	10		
Garden Warbler	1		

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Old birds retrapped in June

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of June 2013 were:

Shelduck  
 Bittern  
 Little Egret  
 Osprey  
 Kite  
 Buzzard  
 Hobby  
 Woodcock  
 Black-tailed Godwit  
 Redshank  
 Green Sandpiper  
 Cuckoo  
 Short-eared Owl  
 Stonechat

