

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for August 2013

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 15 different days in August. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 6 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on 6 and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 7. The month's ringing total was 581. Individual species totals were:

Stock Dove	4	Whitethroat	15
Woodpigeon	1	Garden Warbler	3
Kingfisher	1	Blackcap	35
Great spotted Woodpecker	5	Chiffchaff	17
Sand Martin	4	Willow Warbler	12
Swallow	29	Bearded Tit	5
Wren	32	Long-tailed Tit	11
Dunnock	13	Blue Tit	32
Robin	16	Great Tit	22
Blackbird	8	Tree Creeper	6
Song Thrush	0	Chaffinch	16
Cetti's Warbler	4	Greenfinch	2
Grasshopper Warbler	1	Goldfinch	7
Sedge Warbler	54	Linnet	6
Reed Warbler	210	Bullfinch	3
Lesser Whitethroat	4	Reed Bunting	3

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No very old birds were retrapped during the month; the oldest were: House Sparrow TH47880 at 4 years 7 months, Reed Warbler X079211 at 4 years 0 months and Chaffinch X079782 at 3 years 10 months.

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

Garganey	a juvenile on 2 nd .	Little Owl	On 6 th .
Little Egret	c30 on 2 nd	Yellow Wagtail	50+ on 26 th .
Great white Heron	Regularly seen all month.	Whinchat	2 on 26 th .
Kite	On 6 th .		
Hobby	5 on 10 th .		
Peregrine	On 2 nd .		
Crane	3 on Tubney on 23 rd .		
Little ringed Plover	2 on 9 th .		
Dunlin	2 on 6 th .		
Snipe	9+ on 6 th .		
Black-tailed godwit	On 9 th and 10 th .		
Greenshank	6 on both 9 th , 10 th and 26 th .		
Wood Sandpiper	2 on 4 th .		
Green Sandpiper	c18 on 6 th .		

