

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for November 2013

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 17 different days in November. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used on 10 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on 7, the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 1. There were also 2 sessions on Burwell Fen and one on Tubney. The month's ringing total was 161; a further 232 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 393. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

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| Sparrowhawk | 1, 0 | Goldcrest | 10, 2 |
| Kingfisher | 1, 0 | Long-tailed Tit | 7, 22 |
| Green Woodpecker | 3, 0 | Blue Tit | 14, 84 |
| Great spotted Woodpecker | 1, 3 | Great Tit | 11, 53 |
| Meadow Pipit | 6, 0 | Tree Creeper | 1, 2 |
| Pied Wagtail | 3, 0 | Magpie | 1, 0 |
| Wren | 8, 14 | Starling | 4, 0 |
| Duncock | 3, 16 | House Sparrow | 9, 0 |
| Robin | 7, 14 | Chaffinch | 8, 5 |
| Blackbird | 18, 2 | Greenfinch | 6, 0 |
| Song Thrush | 5, 0 | Goldfinch | 16, 2 |
| Redwing | 5, 0 | Linnet | 1, 0 |
| Cetti's Warbler | 1, 1 | Bullfinch | 5, 9 |
| Blackcap | 2, 0 | Reed Bunting | 3, 2 |
| Chiffchaff | 1, 0 | | |

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Robin T941908 at 6y 4m, Bullfinch V834189 at 6y 0m, Great Tit X077186 at 5y 0m, Reed Bunting X077826 at 4y 8m, Long-tailed Tit BRD185 at 4y 7m, Chaffinch X079312 at 4y 3m and Blue Tit X875534 at 3y 3m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of November were:

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| Whooper Swan | 6 on 25 th . | Stonechat | One or two in month. |
| Ross' Goose | On 17 th . | Blackcap | On 17 th . |
| Wigeon | c2600 on 19 th . | Chiffchaff | On 23 rd . |
| Pintail | 6 on 3 rd , 5 on 19 th . | | |
| Goosander | 2 males on 25 th . | | |
| Cormorant | 40 on 15 th . | | |
| Bittern | On 8 th and 24 th . | | |
| Little Egret | 3 on 12 th . | | |
| Glossy Ibis | 2 on 2 nd . | | |
| Hen Harrier | 4 in month. | | |
| Marsh Harrier | 3 in month. | | |
| Peregrine | On 26 th and 27 th . | | |
| Golden Plover | c850 on 2 nd . | | |
| Woodcock | On several occasions. | | |
| Green Sandpiper | On 10 th and 13 th . | | |
| Short-eared Owl | 2 on 7 th , one on 27 th . | | |

