

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for March 2014

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 16 different days in March,. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 6 days, the Gallops on 6 and the Reedbed on 5. The month's ringing total was 159; a further 195 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 354. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Kingfisher	1, 0	Blue Tit	7, 47
Green Woodpecker	1, 0	Great Tit	4, 24
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Tree Creeper	0, 6
Pied Wagtail	1, 0	Chaffinch	18, 6
Wren	4, 7	Greenfinch	20, 2
Dunnock	2, 9	Goldfinch	29, 3
Robin	3, 10	Linnet	3, 0
Blackbird	4, 5	Mealy Redpoll	3, 0
Redwing	1, 0	Lesser Redpoll	21, 29
Cetti's Warbler	2, 4	Siskin	1, 0
Blackcap	1, 0	Bullfinch	5, 1
Chiffchaff	7, 5	Reed Bunting	18, 4
Long-tailed Tit	3, 23		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Long-tailed Tit 766906 at 6 years 9 months, Blackbird XB92670 at 6 years 4 months, Great Tit X077186 at 5 years 4 months, Reed Bunting X077826 at 4 years 11 months, Robin X078332 at 4 years 8 months, Chaffinch X876277 at 4 years 0 months and Dunnock X876821 at 3 years 7 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of March 2014 were:

Whooper Swan	11 on 12 th .	Hen Harrier	4 on 27 th .
Mute Swan	18 on 17 th .	Buzzard	on 7 dates.
Shelduck	6 on 17 th .	Kite	on 4 th , 20 th and 24 th .
Wigeon	500 on 31 st .	Sparrowhawk	2 on 16 th .
Gadwall	190 on 16 th .	Peregrine	on 2 nd and 10 th .
Pochard	on 28 th .	Kestrel	2 on 16 th .
Teal	150 on 16 th .	Crane	2 on 10 th .
Garganey	2 on 16 th .	Oystercatcher	2 on 17 th .
Shoveler	176 on 17 th .	Avocet	2 on 24 th .
Pintail	2 on 12 th .	Jack Snipe	on 2 nd .
Tufted Duck	25 on 16 th .	Woodcock	3 on 10 th .
Cormorant	2 on 17 th .	Redshank	20 on 31 st .
Little Grebe	6 on 16 th .	Short-eared Owl	max 4 on 1 st .
Great crested Grebe	on 17 th .	Little Owl	on 1 st .
Coot	200 on 17 th .	Fieldfare	55 over on 18 th .
Water Rail	3 on 11 th .	Stonechat	4 on 1 st .
Bittern	on 9 dates, booming often.	Blackcap	first on 24 th .
Little Egret	2 on 16 th .	Chiffchaff	first on 11 th .
Glossy Ibis	on 24 th .	Mealy Redpoll	1 3 on 11 th .
Marsh Harrier	8 on 4 th and 7 th .	Siskin	on 23 rd .

