

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for June 2014

There was mist-netting activity at the Fen on 6 different days in June. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 5 days, and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 4. These were almost all "monitoring" (CES) sessions. On 8 other days when there was no netting, nestling birds were ringed. The month's ringing total was 371. Individual species totals were:

Cuckoo	2	Garden Warbler	2
Kingfisher	2	Chiffchaff	41
Great spotted Woodpecker	3	Willow Warbler	3
Swallow	9	Blackcap	31
Wren	31	Bearded Tit	26
Dunnock	11	Long-tailed Tit	17
Robin	27	Blue Tit	24
Blackbird	9	Great Tit	33
Song Thrush	5	Tree Creeper	4
Cetti's Warbler	3	Greenfinch	1
Sedge Warbler	11	Goldfinch	5
Reed Warbler	27	Bullfinch	5
Lesser Whitethroat	1	Linnet	21
Whitethroat	10	Reed Bunting	7

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Old birds retrapped in June were Blackcap T941891 at 6y 11m (a Wicken Fen record), Blackbird XB92670 at 6y 7m, Reed Warbler X078592 at 4y 11m, Chaffinch X875810 at 4y 2m, Robin X876549 at 3y 11m and Bearded Tit L093263 also at 3y 11m (another Wicken Fen record).

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

Spoonbill	3 on 2 nd .	Mediterranean Gull	On 14 th .
Bittern	On 20 th .	Cuckoo	Total of 12 estimated.
Little Egret	40 on 1 st .	Long-eared Owl	Heard on 5 th and 11 th .
Shelduck	Family party on 7 th .	Stonechat	Bred.
Wigeon	On 11 th .	Savi's Warbler	On 4 th .
Garganey	2 on 1 st .		
Buzzard	2 on 23 rd .		
Kite	On 3 rd , 10 th and 11 th .		
Peregrine	On 7 th .		
Hobby	4 on 5 th .		
Spotted Crake	Heard.		
Oystercatcher	3 on 4 th .		
Avocet	12 on 15 th .		
Black-winged Stilt	On 7 th .		
Woodcock	3 on 5 th .		
Little ringed Plover	On 27 th and 29 th .		
Curlew	On 17 th .		
Greenshank	On 2 nd .		
Green Sandpiper	On 27 th .		

