

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for July 2014

There was mist-netting activity at the Fen on 9 different days in July. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 4 days, and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 7. These were almost all "monitoring" (CES) sessions. On 7 other days when there was no netting, nestling birds were ringed. The month's ringing total was 511 – a further 94 birds were retraps; making a total of 605 birds. Individual species totals were (ringed, followed by retraps):

Common Tern	3, 0	Whitethroat	1, 0
Stock Dove	3, 0	Garden Warbler	1, 0
Woodpigeon	1, 0	Blackcap	18, 2
Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 0	Chiffchaff	36, 5
Sand Martin	12, 1	Willow Warbler	10, 0
Swallow	149, 0	Bearded Tit	30, 8
Pied Wagtail	3, 0	Long-tailed Tit	2, 1
Wren	25, 9	Blue Tit	16, 11
Duncock	8, 2	Great Tit	10, 6
Robin	14, 6	Tree Creeper	6, 3
Blackbird	7, 2	Carrion Crow	1, 0
Song Thrush	2, 1	Greenfinch	1, 0
Cetti's Warbler	8, 1	Bullfinch	14, 5
Sedge Warbler	27, 5	Yellowhammer	3, 0
Reed Warbler	85, 23	Reed Bunting	13, 2
Lesser Whitethroat	0, 1		

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Old birds retrapped in July were Bullfinch X875337 at 4 years 6 months, Reed Warbler L093100 at 4 years 0 months and Sedge Warbler L505226 at 3 years 2 months.

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Some of the more interesting (unedited) bird sightings during the month of July 2014 were:

Great White Heron	One seen regularly.	Wheatear	On 22 nd .
Little Egret	44 birds on 22 nd .	Redstart	On 21 st .
Shelduck	22 birds on 14 th .	Spotted Flycatcher	On 29 th .
Garganey	2 on 30 th .	Budgerigar	On 14 th .
Crane	2 over on 27 th .		
Oystercatcher	On 14 th .		
Golden Plover	2 on 14 th .		
Little ringed Plover	On 17 th .		
Ruff	On 17 th .		
Woodcock	2 on 2 nd .		
Whimbrel	On 22 nd .		
Black-tailed Godwit	c55 on 15 th .		
Greenshank	3 on 15 th and 22 nd .		
Common Sandpiper	6 on 30 th .		
Green Sandpiper	14 on 26 th .		
Wood Sandpiper	On 30 th .		
Mediterranean Gull	On 22 nd .		
Little Owl	On 2 nd .		

