

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for August 2014

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 14 different days in August. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used for netting on 9 days and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 & 53) on 8. The month's ringing total was 611, a further 118 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 769. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is the retraps.

Sparrowhawk	2, 0	Lesser Whitethroat	5, 0
Hobby	1, 0	Whitethroat	13, 0
Collared Dove	2, 0	Garden Warbler	3, 0
Barn Owl	10, 0	Blackcap	121, 7
Kingfisher	2, 0	Chiffchaff	28, 9
Green Woodpecker	1, 0	Willow Warbler	10, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 1	Bearded Tit	2, 14
Sand Martin	4, 0	Long-tailed Tit	14, 16
Swallow	78, 1	Blue Tit	24, 15
Yellow Wagtail	19, 0	Great Tit	13, 8
Wren	34, 9	Tree Creeper	5, 2
Dunnock	8, 2	Carrion Crow	1, 0
Robin	23, 13	Jay	0, 1
Blackbird	8, 2	Chaffinch	3, 0
Song Thrush	0, 2	Greenfinch	1, 0
Cetti's Warbler	5, 3	Bullfinch	3, 3
Sedge Warbler	24, 0	Reed Bunting	2, 0
Reed Warbler	141, 10		

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The oldest birds retrapped in the month were: Reed Warbler X078654 at 5 years 1 month, Song Thrush RV95954 at 4 years 11 months, Jay DA27619 at 4 years 3 months, Dunnock X87684 and Blackbird LB03663 both at 4 years 0 months.

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

Greylag	40 on 11 th .	Dunlin	7 on 20 th and 21 st .
Canada Goose	26 on 11 th .	Ruff	8 on 15 th , 15 on 24 th .
Garganey	5 on 15 th .	Black-tailed Godwit	8 on 17 th .
Little Egret	9 on 11 th .	Curlew	On 31 st .
Bittern	On 15 th , 21 st and 24 th .	Greenshank	4 on 17 th .
Glossy Ibis	From 22 nd to month end.	Common Sandpiper	2 on 20 th .
Great white Heron	One all month.	Green Sandpiper	10+ on 31 st .
Osprey	On 5 th , 8 th and 19 th .	Wood Sandpiper	2 on 4 th .
Buzzard	On 21 st .	Barn Owl	4 on 15 th .
Hobby	One or more all month.	Swift	Till 25 th .
Crane	2 on 5 th and 19 th .	Wheatear	2 Tubney 16 th .
Ringed Plover	2 on 20 th and 24 th .	Whinchat	2 on 24 th and 31 st .
Little Stint	On 27 th .	Grasshopper Warbler	Last on 3 rd .

