

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for September 2014

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 18 different days in September. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 7 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen on 3, the Reedbed on 4, Burwell Fen on 5 and Tubney Fen on 3. The month's ringing total was 1295, a further 118 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 1413. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Blackcap	132, 6
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Chiffchaff	20, 3
Sand Martin	8, 0	Goldcrest	7, 0
Swallow	379, 2	Long-tailed Tit	8, 6
Meadow Pipit	317, 0	Blie Tit	58, 14
Yellow Wagtail	2, 0	Great Tit	44, 40
Wren	6, 5	Tree Creeper	0, 2
Duncock	17, 2	House Sparrow	19, 0
Robin	20, 8	Chaffinch	8, 2
Blackbird	13, 3	Greenfinch	73, 0
Song Thrush	1, 0	Goldfinch	11, 0
Reed Warbler	10, 1	Linnet	17, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	3, 0	Bullfinch	10, 1
Whitethroat	2, 0	Reed Bunting	108, 2
Garden Warbler	1, 0		

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Old birds retrapped in the month were Great Tit V834348 at 5 years 11 months, Robin X077999 at 5 years 1 month, Blackcap L504895 at 3 years 2 months and Chaffinch L506919 at 3 years 1 month.

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

Shelduck	2 on 2 nd .	Curlw Sandpiper	One or two 1 st to 12 th .
Garganey	3 on 6 th .	Little Stint	One or two all month.
Great white Heron	Up to 3 all month.	Curlw	On 8 th and 12 th .
Little Egret	Max 20 on 15 th .	Black-tailed Godwit	3 on 6 th .
Bittern	On 4 dates in month.	Greenshank	2 on 6 th and 8 th .
Glossy Ibis	All month.	Common Sandpiper	One on 8 th , 14 th & 15 th .
Buzzard	2 on 16 th .	Wood Sandpiper	One 15 th to 26 th .
Osprey	On 14 th .	Green Sandpiper	6 on 2 nd .
Kestrel	10+ on 26 th .	Tawny Owl	3 on 1 st .
Peregrine	On 5 th & 22 nd .	Grey Wagtail	One over 18 th .
Hobby	4 on 16 th .	Stonechat	3 on 26 th .
Merlin	On 2 nd and 6 th .	Whinchat	6 on 14 th .
Crane	2 over on 10 th .	Wheatear	One 10 th to 16 th .
Avocet	On 15 th .	Redstart	Male at Tubney 19 th .
Ringed Plover	Max 16 on 15 th .	Spotted Flycatcher	On 14 th .
Little ringed Plover	2 on 3 rd .		
Ruff	Max 29+ on 6 th .		
Dunlin	Max 7 on 1 st & 3 rd .		
Pectoral Sandpiper	One 6 th to 15 th .		

