

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for October 2014

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 13 different days in October. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 10 days, Gallops on 5, Burwell Fen on 3 and Tubney Fen on one occasion. October's ringing total was 558, and a further 212 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 770. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is retraps. Individual species totals were:

|                          |        |                 |        |
|--------------------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Sparrowhawk              | 1, 0   | Goldcrest       | 28, 4  |
| Kestrel                  | 1, 0   | Long-tailed Tit | 32, 15 |
| Green Woodpecker         | 2, 1   | Blue Tit        | 62, 76 |
| Great spotted Woodpecker | 1, 2   | Great Tit       | 34, 63 |
| Skylark                  | 3, 0   | Tree Creeper    | 0, 2   |
| Meadow Pipit             | 122, 4 | House Sparrow   | 21, 3  |
| Wren                     | 15, 16 | Tree Sparrow    | 2, 0   |
| Duncock                  | 9, 6   | Chaffinch       | 12, 1  |
| Stonechat                | 2, 0   | Greenfinch      | 25, 3  |
| Robin                    | 10, 8  | Goldfinch       | 39, 1  |
| Blackbird                | 9, 4   | Linnet          | 10, 0  |
| Song Thrush              | 6, 1   | Lesser Redpoll  | 0, 1   |
| Redwing                  | 11, 0  | Bullfinch       | 7, 0   |
| Cetti's Warbler          | 2, 0   | Yellowhammer    | 1, 0   |
| Blackcap                 | 26, 0  | Reed Bunting    | 57, 1  |
| Chiffchaff               | 8, 0   |                 |        |

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Robin T941908 ringed 28.7.2007, retrapped 12.10.2014 at 7y 3m, was close to the WF record.

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

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| Whooper Swan      | One over on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 5 on 30 <sup>th</sup> .                 | Greenshank         | On 1 <sup>st</sup> .                         |
| Canada Goose      | 364 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .   | Ruff               | 16 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .                     |
| Gadwall           | 131 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .   | Pectoral Sandpiper | 2 on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> . |
| Shoveler          | 117 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .   | Snipe              | 50+ on 5 <sup>th</sup> .                     |
| Pintail           | 14 on 16 <sup>th</sup> , 9 on 17 <sup>th</sup> .                      | Jack Snipe         | 2 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .                      |
| Tufted Duck       | 55 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .  | Common Sandpiper   | On 5 <sup>th</sup> .                         |
| Little Egret      | 4 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .   | Green Sandpiper    | On 16 <sup>th</sup> ..                       |
| Great white Heron | 2 on several dates.   | Wood Sandpiper     | Till 5 <sup>th</sup> .                       |
| Glossy Ibis       | Between 4 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> .                        | Short-eared Owl    | 3 on 27 <sup>th</sup> .                      |
| Cormorant         | 25+ on 24 <sup>th</sup> .   | Grey Wagtail       | Over on 5 <sup>th</sup> .                    |
| Buzzard           | On 8 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .                             | Waxwing            | Over on 26 <sup>th</sup> .                   |
| Peregrine         | On 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> and 17 <sup>th</sup> .          | Wheatear           | On 15 <sup>th</sup> .                        |
| Merlin            | On 30 <sup>th</sup> .   | Stonechat          | 4 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .                      |
| Golden Plover     | 850 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .   | Reed Warbler       | On 10 <sup>th</sup> .                        |
| Grey Plover       | 2 on 10 <sup>th</sup> .   | Chiffchaff         | Till 29 <sup>th</sup> .                      |
| Ringed Plover     | 11 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .  | Blackcap           | Till 30 <sup>th</sup> .                      |
| Little Stint      | 2 on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 10 <sup>th</sup> , one on 19 <sup>th</sup> . | Brambling          | On 25 <sup>th</sup> .                        |
| Dunlin            | 11 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .  | Siskin             | On 15 <sup>th</sup> .                        |

