

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for November 2014

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 14 different days in November. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 9 days, Gallops on 4, and the Reedbed on 2. The month's ringing total was 224; a further 295 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 519. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Kingfisher	1, 0	Chiffchaff	1, 0
Green Woodpecker	1, 0	Goldcrest	9, 5
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 4	Bearded Tit	0, 1
Pied Wagtail	5, 0	Long-tailed Tit	8, 32
Wren	13, 11	Blue Tit	32, 98
Dunnock	2, 10	Great Tit	7, 83
Robin	5, 13	Tree Creeper	1, 1
Blackbird	15, 5	Jay	0, 1
Song Thrush	4, 1	Chaffinch	20, 6
Mistle Thrush	1, 0	Greenfinch	9, 1
Redwing	31, 0	Goldfinch	8, 3
Fieldfare	12, 0	Bullfinch	18, 6
Cetti's Warbler	1, 2	House Sparrow	11, 5
Blackcap	2, 0	Reed Bunting	6, 7

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Great Tit X077956 at 5y 5m, Robin X876198 at 4y 8m, Chaffinch L094145 at 4y 2m, Long-tailed Tit CHX294 and Reed Bunting L504440 both at 3y 8m, Dunnock L504834 and Blue Tit L505237 both at 3y 5m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of November were:

Whooper Swan	On several dates, maximum 13 on 13 th .
Greylag	90 on 10 th .
Bittern	On several dates, 2 on 17 th and 23 rd .
Little Egret	3 on 29 th .
Great white Heron	On several dates, 2 on 17 th .
Kite	On 30 th .
Kestrel	11 on 9 th .
Peregrine	2 on 28 th .
Merlin	On 9 th and 27 th .
Crane	2 on 18 th (?and 19 th)
Golden Plover	c800 on 17 th .
Green Sandpiper	On 9 th .
Short-eared Owl	Maximum 5 on 29 th .
Mistle Thrush	One ringed on 1 st .
Stonechat	Regular, maximum 4 on 17 th and 24 th .
Blackcap	2 ringed on 19 th .
Chiffchaff	One ringed on 4 th .
Brambling	On 8 th .
Lesser Redpoll	2 on 25 th .