

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for March 2015

There were netting sessions at the Fen on only 9 different days in March. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 7 days, Gallops on 2, the Roger Clarke Hide on one and the Reedbed on one. The months ringing total was 113 Individual species totals were:

Kingfisher	1	Redwing	2
Jay	1	Duncock	4
Great Tit	14	House Sparrow	6
Blue Tit	17	Pied Wagtail	20
Long-tailed Tit	8	Chaffinch	12
Chiffchaff	2	Greenfinch	1
Wren	3	Goldfinch	4
Starling	1	Bullfinch	1
Blackbird	3	Reed Bunting	13

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Chaffinch X077782 at 6 years 0 months (actually a control from Norfolk), Cetti's Warbler L093219 at 4 years 8 months, Blue Tit X875585 at 4 years 6 months, Robin L504189 at 4 years 3 months, Great Tit L504693 at 3 years 9 months and Duncock L504834 at 3 years 9 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of March 2015 were:

Whooper Swan	30 over on 3 rd .
Greylag	131 on 9 th .
Canada Goose	22 on 9 th .
Shelduck	10 on 9 th .
Wigeon	250+ on 10 th .
Gadwall	180 on 9 th .
Mallard	63 on 9 th .
Teal	106 on 12 th .
Shoveler	85 on 9 th .
Garganey	2 on 10 th .
Pintail	4 on 13 th .
Great crested Grebe	4 on 9 th .
Great white Heron	On 7 th .
Little Egret	5 on 12 th .
Crane	2 on 8 th .
Buzzard	2 on 10 th .
Merlin	On 8 th .
Kestrel	3 on 10 th .
Oystercatcher	2 on 13 th .
Short-eared Owl	On 11 th .
Raven	On 8 th .
Chiffchaff	First on 10 th .
Grey Wagtail	On 6 th .

