

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for April 2015

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 12 different days in April. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area (Compartments 30 & 31) was used on 5 days, Gallops/Sedge Fen (Compartments 15 & 21) on 4, and the Reedbed (Compartments 51, 52 and 53) on 4. The month's ringing total was 97; a further 146 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 243. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Kingfisher	1, 0	Chiffchaff	12, 12
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 0	Willow Warbler	3, 0
Wren	3, 12	Long-tailed Tit	2, 11
Dunnock	2, 6	Blue Tit	3, 24
Robin	4, 5	Great Tit	3, 42
Blackbird	2, 4	Tree Creeper	0, 4
Cetti's Warbler	3, 3	Jay	2, 2
Sedge Warbler	4, 0	Chaffinch	2, 4
Reed Warbler	6, 0	Greenfinch	1, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	1, 0	Goldfinch	1, 0
Garden Warbler	1, 0	Bullfinch	5, 6
Blackcap	28, 4	Reed Bunting	7, 7

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Great Tit TH47238 at 5 years 11 months, Robin X077999 at 5 years 8 months, Jay DA25429 at 4 years 11 months, Blue Tit X876576 at 4 years 9 months, Blackcap L094706 at 4 years 0 months, Dunnock L504834 at 3 years 10 months, Chiffchaff BRD564 at 3 years 9 months and Bullfinch L504936 at 3 years 8 months.

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

Greylag	37 on 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Common Tern	first on 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Ross' Goose	on 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Cuckoo	first on 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Barnacle Goose	2 on 18 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Swift	first on 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Shelduck	23 on 20 <sup>th</sup> .	Swallow	first on 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Garganey	5 on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .	House Martin	first on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Bittern	2 regularly	Yellow Wagtail	first on 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Marsh Harrier	at least 8	Whinchat	on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
Hen Harrier	2 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Nightingale	first on 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Kite	on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Stonechat	4 on 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Buzzard	5 on 11 <sup>th</sup> .	Ring Ouzel	4 on 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Hobby	first on 19 <sup>th</sup> ; 4 later.	Grasshopper Warbler	first on 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Great White Heron	2 on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Reed Warbler	first on 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Crane	2 on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Sedge Warbler	first on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Oystercatcher	on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Blackcap	first on 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Avocet	2 on 19 <sup>th</sup> .	Lesser Whitehroat	first on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Little ringed Plover	on 21 <sup>st</sup> .	Whitethroat	first on 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Curlew	on 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Willow Warbler	first on 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Whimbrel	3 on 26 <sup>th</sup> .	Coal Tit	on 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Black-tailed Godwit	3 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Nuthatch	on 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Redshank	6 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Siskin	on 18 <sup>th</sup> .

