

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for July 2015

There was mist-netting activity at the Fen on 9 different days in July. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 7 days, and the Reedbed on 3. There was just a single (large) nestbox visit. The month's ringing total was 272 – a further 86 birds were retraps; making a total of 358. Individual species totals were (ringed, followed by retraps):

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| Stock Dove | 1, 0 | Blackcap | 40, 6 |
| Barn Owl | 0, 3 | Chiffchaff | 30, 9 |
| Kingfisher | 1, 0 | Willow Warbler | 2, 3 |
| Great spotted Woodpecker | 1, 0 | Bearded Tit | 14, 1 |
| Wren | 22, 3 | Blue Tit | 11, 5 |
| Dunnock | 12, 3 | Great Tit | 8, 1 |
| Robin | 14, 4 | Magpie | 1, 0 |
| Blackbird | 5, 5 | Tree Creeper | 1, 0 |
| Cetti's Warbler | 5, 7 | Chaffinch | 2, 2 |
| Sedge Warbler | 16, 6 | Greenfinch | 1, 0 |
| Reed Warbler | 61, 25 | Bullfinch | 14, 2 |
| Lesser Whitethroat | 3, 0 | Reed Bunting | 5, 1 |
| Garden Warbler | 2, 0 | | |

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Cetti's Warbler L093219 at 5 years 0 months, Blackbird LB03579 at 4 years 11 months, Chaffinch L506919 at 3 years 11 months, Sedge Warbler Y114397 at 3 years 3 months and reed Warbler Y408449 at 3 years 0 months.

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

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| Shelduck | 7 on 15 th and 20 th . |
| Garganey | 3 on 26 th , 5 on 30 th . |
| Great White Heron | On 18 th . |
| Little Egret | 8 on 23 rd . |
| Bittern | several sightings |
| Avocet | 2 on 7 th . |
| Golden Plover | 14 on 6 th . |
| Little ringed Plover | 5 on 14 th , 4 on 26 th . |
| Whimbrel | 3 on 12 th . |
| Curlew | 2 on 26 th . |
| Ruff | 4 on 1 st and 4 th ; 2 on 27 th . |
| Black-tailed Godwit | 29 on 6 th . |
| Greenchank | 5 on 18 th . |
| Green Sandpiper | 10 on 12 th and 18 th , 9 on 26 th and 27 th c10 on 30 th . |
| Common Sandpiper | 3 on 14 th and 23 rd . |
| Peregrine | On 13 th . |
| Whinchat | On 30 th . |

