

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for September 2015

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 17 different days in September. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 10 days, Gallops on 6, the Reedbed on 2 and Burwell Fen on one. The month's ringing total was 549, a further 59 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 608. The first figure below is the ringing total; the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Chiffchaff	34, 0
Sand Martin	2, 0	Goldcrest	23, 0
Swallow	129, 1	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Meadow Pipit	35, 0	Long-tailed Tit	9, 9
Wren	10, 3	Blue Tit	31, 7
Dunnock	11, 0	Great Tit	19, 16
Robin	16, 9	Coal Tit	1, 0
Blackbird	5, 2	Tree Creeper	3, 0
Song Thrush	4, 0	Chaffinch	8, 1
Cetti's Warbler	1, 0	Greenfinch	12, 0
Sedge Warbler	1, 0	Goldfinch	16, 3
Reed Warbler	12, 0	Siskin	2, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	1, 0	Bullfinch	4, 3
Whitethroat	2, 0	Reed Bunting	15, 0
Blackcap	141, 5		

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The only old birds retrapped in the month were Great Tit L504802 at 4 years 3 months and Chaffinch Y114691 at 3 years 10 months.

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

Shelduck	2 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Grey Phalarope	on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Garganey	until 17 <sup>th</sup> .	Little Gull	on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Great white Heron	all month.	Swift	till 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Little Egret	8 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Hobby	till 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Bittern	on 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Sedge Warbler	till 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Buzzard	on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .	Whitethroat	till 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Osprey	on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	Lesser Whitethroat	till 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Crane	up to 6 in month.	Willow Warbler	till 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Golden Plover	150 on 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Spotted Flycatcher	on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Ringed Plover	7 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .	Yellow Wagtail	till 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Little ringed Plover	2 on 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Coal Tit	"invasion" from 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Dunlin	on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Wheatear	on 18 <sup>th</sup> .
Curlew Sandpiper	on 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Whinchat	on 17 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Little Stint	on 29 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Stonechat	on 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Ruff	maximum 34 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Brambling	on 26 <sup>th</sup> .
Turnstone	on 12 <sup>th</sup> .	Siskin	"invasion" from 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Black-tailed Godwit	maximum 12 on 30 <sup>th</sup> .	Redpoll	from 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Greenshank	maximum 8 on 14 <sup>th</sup> .		
Wood Sandpiper	maximum 7 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .		
Green Sandpiper	maximum 5+ on 5 <sup>th</sup> .		

