

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for October 2015

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 20 different days in October. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 12 days, Gallops on 11, Burwell/Tubney Fens on 5 and the Reedbed on one. October's ringing total was 809. The species breakdown was:

Jay	1	Robin	17
Goldcrest	77	Stonechat	2
Firecrest	1	Dunnock	4
Blue Tit	92	House Sparrow	20
Great Tit	30	Meadow Pipit	84
Coal Tit	7	Chaffinch	18
Cetti's Warbler	1	Brambling	1
Long-tailed Tit	21	Greenfinch	104
Chiffchaff	20	Goldfinch	33
Blackcap	38	Siskin	16
Reed Warbler	1	Linnet	1
Wren	21	Lesser Redpoll	26
Blackbird	14	Bullfinch	5
Song Thrush	5	Yellowhammer	5
Redwing	18	Reed Bunting	126

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Old birds caught in the month were: Blue Tit X077938 at 6 years 4 months, Chaffinch X079551 at 6 years 1 month, Long-tailed Tit DDA101 at 4 years 7 months and Great Tit L505752 at 4 years 2 months.

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

Whooper Swan	2 on 8 th .	Reed Warbler	last on 8 th .
Gadwall	220 on 4 th .	Chiffchaff	2 on 30 th .
Shoveler	327 on 19 th .	Blackcap	on 26 th .
Ruddy Duck	on 4 th .	Firecrest	on 14 th .
Bittern	on 9 th and 24 th .	Yellow Wagtail	till 8 th .
Little Egret	9 on 9 th .	Redwing	from 13 th .
Great white Heron	all month.	Fieldfare	from 21 st .
Buzzard	on 10 th and 14 th .	Bearded Tit	large numbers from 18 th .
Rough-legged Buzzard	18 th to 20 th .	Coal Tit	influx
Kite	on 4 th .	Siskin	influx
Hen Harrier	first on 18 th .	Lesser Redpoll	influx
Crane	3 throughout month.	Starling	c10000 on Tubney
Golden Plover	300 on 18 th and 30 th .	Brambling	on 14 th .
Dunlin	8 on 19 th .	Tree Sparrow	2 on 10 th .
Ruff	on 19 th .	Stonechat	at least 4 present.
Snipe	40+ on 8 th .		
Black-tailed Godwit	7 on 19 th .		
Green Sandpiper	2 on 4 th .		
Short-eared Owl	3 on 20 th and 24 th .		

