

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for November 2015

There was ringing activity at the Fen on 17 different days in November. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 11 days, Gallops on 7 and the Reedbed on one. November's ringing total was 299; a further 248 different birds were retrapped, so the overall October total of birds handled is 547. The species breakdown (ringed followed by retrapped) was:

Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 6	Redwing	26, 0
Goldcrest	14, 12	Song Thrush	5, 1
Firecrest	0, 1	Robin	4, 10
Blue Tit	34, 72	House Sparrow	43, 7
Great Tit	6, 61	Pied Wagrail	1, 0
Coal Tit	3, 4	Chaffinch	13, 11
Cetti's Warbler	1, 0	Greenfinch	19, 7
Long-tailed Tit	14, 14	Goldfinch	24, 6
Chiffchaff	4, 0	Siskin	15, 0
Blackcap	3, 0	Linnet	1, 0
Tree Creeper	0, 3	Lesser Redpoll	24, 2
Wren	9, 10	Bullfinch	14, 3
Blackbird	17, 8	Reed Bunting	2, 3
Fieldfare	1, 0	Dunnock	0, 7

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Old birds caught in the month were: Great Tit TH47238 at 6 years 6 months; Chaffinch X875307 at 5 years 11 months, Blue Tit X875585 at 5 years 2 months, Long-tailed Tit DDA101 at 4 years 8 months, Great spotted Woodpecker LC10707 at 4 years 0 months and Wren DDA779 at 3 years 4 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of November were:

Pintail	on 8 th , 26 th and 17 th .
Little Egret	4 on 20 th .
Hen Harrier	maximum 5 on 15 th .
Marsh Harrier	maximum 4 on 15 th and 16 th .
Buzzard	on 20 th .
Peregrine	on 10 th and 15 th .
Crane	3 on 20 th .
Golden Plover	maximum 850 on 20 th .
Curlew	on 22 nd .
Black-tailed Godwit	on 22 nd and 28 th .
Short-eared Owl	3 on 22 nd .
Swallow	with the Starling roost on 1 st and 8 th .
Starling	roost of up to 7500
Firecrest	the bird ringed in October was retrapped on the 14 th .

