

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for July 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 7 different days in July (5 of these being CES sessions); additionally some owls were ringed, in the Group's boxes. The month's ringing total was 444.

Barn Owl	5	Sedge Warbler	49
Great spotted Woodpecker	1	Reed Warbler	138
Blue Tit	16	Tree Creeper	5
Great Tit	15	Wren	17
Bearded Tit	12	Blackbird	8
Cetti's Warbler	9	Song Thrush	3
Long-tailed Tit	3	Robin	23
Chiffchaff	35	Redstart	1
Willow Warbler	12	Duncock	10
Blackcap	19	Chaffinch	1
Garden Warbler	3	Bullfinch	8
Whitethroat	9	Reed Bunting	41
Grasshopper Warbler	1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Chaffinch X875810 at 6 years 3 months, Reed Warbler L505396 at 5 years 0 months and Bearded Tit Y408308 at 4 years 0 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of July 2016 were:

Garganey	two on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
Pochard	at least 3 broods.
Bittern	one or two all month.
Little Egret	maximum 76 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
Honey Buzzard	on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .
Buzzard	4 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Peregrine	on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Hobby	very few reported.
Crane	on 5 <sup>th</sup> .
Avocet	on 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Little ringed Plover	on 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Dunlin	maximum 3 on 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Ruff	maximum 12 on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Black-tailed Godwit	on 25 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Greenshank	maximum 5 on 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Common Sandpiper	maximum 3 on 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Green Sandpiper	maximum 13 on 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Wood Sandpiper	on 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Mediterranean Gull	on 18 <sup>th</sup> and two on 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Whinchat	on 20 <sup>th</sup> .
Stonechat	with young on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .