

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for August 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 11 different days in August (4 of these being CES sessions). The month's ringing total was 513, a further 75 birds were retraps, so the overall August "catch" was 588 birds (ringed shown first, followed by retraps).

Woodpigeon	1, 0	Sedge Warbler	20, 1
Kingfisher	1, 0	Grasshopper Warbler	2, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 0	Reed Warbler	117, 6
Goldcrest	1, 0	Wren	33, 7
Sand Martin	21, 0	Tree Creeper	3, 6
Swallow	75, 0	Blackbird	9, 0
Blue Tit	19, 15	Robin	21, 14
Great Tit	5, 5	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Bearded Tit	1, 2	Yellow Wagtail	51, 0
Cetti's Warbler	10, 3	Dunnock	4, 2
Long-tailed Tit	12, 4	House Sparrow	1, 0
Chiffchaff	33, 4	Greenfinch	4, 0
Willow Warbler	12, 1	Chaffinch	1, 0
Blackcap	36, 0	Goldfinch	1, 1
Garden Warbler	1, 0	Bullfinch	2, 1
Whitethroat	6, 0	Reed Bunting	6, 3
Lesser Whitethroat	2, 0		

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No elderly birds were retrapped during August.

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

Greylag	64 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Whimbrel	on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Shelduck	5 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Curlew	on 9 <sup>th</sup> .
Teal	128 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Greenshank	max 13 on 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Garganey	7 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .	Redshank	12 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Gadwall	30+ on 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Common Sandpiper	max 4 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> .
Little Egret	max 86 on 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Green Sandpiper	max 18 on 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Buzzard	on 27 <sup>th</sup> .	Wood Sandpiper	3 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Little Grebe	9 on 15 <sup>th</sup> .	Snipe	max c50 on 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Coot	200+ on 1 <sup>st</sup> .	Cuckoo	last (?) on 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Crane	3 on 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Little Owl	on 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Lapwing	280 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	Stonechat	2 on 15 <sup>th</sup> .
Golden Plover	8 on 18 <sup>th</sup> .	Whinchat	on 13 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .
Grey Plover	on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> .	Wheatear	on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Ringed Plover	max 35 on 26 <sup>th</sup> .		
Little ringed Plover	max 6 on 21 <sup>st</sup> .		
Dunlin	max 15 on 16 <sup>th</sup> .		
Little Stint	max 7 on 24 <sup>th</sup> .		
Pectoral Sandpiper	on 31 <sup>st</sup> .		
Ruff	max 35 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		
Turnstone	on 1 <sup>st</sup> .		
Black-tailed Godwit	max 10 on 13 <sup>th</sup> .		