

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for September 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 19 different days in September; thus it was a very active month. Eight of the sessions were at the Reedbed, 7 at St. Edmunds, 4 at Gallops and 3 at Burwell Fen. The month's ringing total was 1195, a further 134 birds were retraps, so the overall July "catch" was 1329 birds (ringed birds are shown first, followed by retraps, below).

Water Rail	1, 0	Lesser Whitethroat	2, 0
Stock Dove	4, 0	Whitethroat	4, 0
Woodpigeon	1, 0	Garden Warbler	1, 0
Barn Owl	4, 0	Blackcap	212, 2
Kingfisher	4, 0	Chiffchaff	76, 6
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 0	Willow Warbler	4, 0
Sand Martin	10, 0	Treecreeper	3, 3
Swallow	72, 0	Goldcrest	4, 0
Meadow Pipit	115, 0	Bearded Tit	13, 9
Yellow Wagtail	22, 0	Long-tailed Tit	17, 6
Wren	12, 10	Blue Tit	47, 39
Duncock	18, 7	Great Tit	28, 18
Robin	6, 9	Jay	1, 0
Whinchat	1, 0	House Sparrow	27, 0
Blackbird	8, 5	Chaffinch	13, 2
Song Thrush	3, 0	Greenfinch	60, 5
Cetti's Warbler	12, 3	Goldfinch	33, 2
Grasshopper Warbler	2, 0	Linnet	3, 0
Sedge Warbler	26, 0	Bullfinch	5, 1
Reed Warbler	134, 4	Reed Bunting	186, 3

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blackcap L505746 at 5y 1m, Chaffinch Y409887 at 3y 5m and Cetti's Warbler Y855616 at 3y 1m.

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

Little Egret	86 on the 24 th .	Whinchat	ringed on 20 th .
Hen Harrier	first of the autumn on the 26 th .	Stonechat	pair on 23 rd .
Avocet	3 on the 7 th .	Siskin	on 23 rd .
Little ringed Plover	on the 6 th .		
Ringed Plover	32 on the 11 th .		
Little Stint	2 on the 1 st .		
Pectoral Sandpiper	on 1 st to 4 th .		
Ruff	36 on 11 th .		
Black-tailed Godwit	6 on 22 nd .		
Spotted Redshank	one from 6 th to 10 th .		
Common Sandpiper	4 on 10 th .		
Green Sandpiper	15+ on 1 st .		
Greenshank	6 on 4 th .		
Snipe	17 on 10 th .		
Hobby	4 on 22 nd .		