

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for October 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 14 different days in October; thus it was another active month. 8 of the sessions were at St. Edmunds, 4 at Gallops, 6 at Burwell Fen and just one at the Reedbed, The month's ringing total was 793, a further 138 birds were retraps, so the overall October "catch" was 931 birds (ringed birds are shown first, followed by retraps, below).

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Goldcrest	43, 3
Kestrel	1, 0	Firecrest	1, 0
Collared Dove	1, 0	Bearded Tit	1, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Long-tailed Tit	7, 10
Meadow Pipit	140, 2	Blue Tit	20, 29
Wren	27, 9	Great Tit	16, 27
Duncock	5, 5	Treecreeper	1, 3
Robin	11, 7	Magpie	1, 0
Blackbird	6, 5	House Sparrow	22, 2
Song Thrush	24, 1	Chaffinch	5, 1
Redwing	31, 0	Greenfinch	17, 11
Cetti's Warbler	2, 0	Goldfinch	32, 4
Sedge Warbler	1, 0	Lesser Redpoll	1, 0
Blackcap	22, 1	Bullfinch	1, 2
Chiffchaff	10, 0	Reed Bunting	343, 15

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No significantly old birds were retrapped during the month.

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

Bittern	on 17 th and 19 th .
Hen Harrier	on 16 th .
Buzzard	on 10 th and 13 th .
Golden Plover	c1000 on 28 th .
Dunlin	on 3 rd .
Ruff	4 on 3 rd .
Black-tailed Godwit	2 on 6 th .
Green Sandpiper	2 on 1st
Short-eared Owl	5 on 28 th .
Merlin	on 27 th .
Peregrine	on 17 th .
Swallow	last on 18 th .
Sedge Warbler	last on 3 rd .
Blackcap	latest on 29 th .
Chiffchaff	latest on 9 th .
Firecrest	one ringed on 12 th .
Whinchat	on 10 th .
Stonechat	on 1 st , 10 th and 15 th .