

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for November 2016

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 15 different days in November. 4 of the sessions were at St. Edmunds, 6 at Gallops and 5 at the Reedbed, The month's ringing total was 291, a further 163 birds were retraps, so the overall November "catch" was 454 birds (ringed birds are shown first, followed by retraps, below).

Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 1	Redwing	67, 0
Cetti's Warbler	5, 3	Song Thrush	4, 1
Goldcrest	19, 4	Robin	7, 10
Blue Tit	17, 55	Dunnock	1, 1
Great Tit	3, 28	House Sparrow	7, 0
Bearded Tit	14, 3	Chaffinch	4, 3
Long-tailed Tit	17, 22	Greenfinch	4, 2
Chiffchaff	2, 0	Goldfinch	8, 2
Tree Creeper	1, 1	Lesser Redpoll	4, 0
Wren	10, 11	Bullfinch	6, 3
Blackbird	30, 5	Reed Bunting	49, 8
Fieldfare	7, 0	Pied Wagtail	3, 0

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Old birds retrapped during the month included Great Tit X077424 at 7 years 10 months (the WFG record is 8y/4m), Blue Tit X077938 at 7 years 5 months (record is 7y/7m), Chaffinch X079664 at 7 years 2 months and Song Thrush RF28289 at 3 years 0 months.

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

Whooper Swan	3 on 19 <sup>th</sup> , 4 on 20 <sup>th</sup> , 5 on 26 <sup>th</sup> .
Scaup	On 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Pintail	On 11 <sup>th</sup> and 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Buzzard	3 on 6 <sup>th</sup> , 4 on 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Crane	5 on 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Green Sandpiper	On 21 <sup>st</sup> .
Woodcock	2 on 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Short-eared Owl	6+ on 9 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> , 9 on 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Merlin	On 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Peregrine	On 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Kestrel	5 on 13 <sup>th</sup> .
Great grey Shrike	On 8 <sup>th</sup> , 10 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 26 <sup>th</sup> .
Blackcap	On 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Chiffchaff	On 10 <sup>th</sup> and 11 <sup>th</sup> .
Water Pipit	On 19 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Firecrest	On 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Stonechat	Male on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> ; pair on 26 <sup>th</sup> .