

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for January 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 11 different days in January, but the catching was poor. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 7 days, the Reedbed on 3 and Gallops just once. The month's ringing total was 83; a further 208 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 291. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Kingfisher	1, 0	Fieldfare	1, 0
Goldcrest	2, 6	Redwing	3, 0
Blue Tit	8, 58	Robin	3, 19
Great Tit	9, 32	Dunnock	1, 10
Bearded Tit	4, 8	House Sparrow	16, 11
Cetti's Warbler	0, 4	Chaffinch	3, 1
Long-tailed Tit	11, 27	Goldfinch	3, 1
Chiffchaff	2, 0	Bullfinch	1, 0
Wren	6, 7	Tree Creeper	0, 1
Blackbird	5, 11	Reed Bunting	4, 10
Song Thrush	0, 2		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were House Sparrow TH47889 at 7 years 11 months, Blue Tit X077938 at 7 years 7 months, Reed Bunting L504440 at 5 years 10 months, Great Tit L504802 at 5 years 7 months, Robin Y113943 at 4 years 8 months, Cettis Warbler Y855616 and Blackbird LC10851 both at 3 years 5 months and Long-tailed Tit DDA491 at 3 years 3 months.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings (B-Burwell Fen; W-Wicken Fen) during the month of January 2017 were:

Whooper Swan	23 on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 37 on 8 <sup>th</sup> , 27 on 14 <sup>th</sup> , 45 on 15 <sup>th</sup> , 38 on 19 <sup>th</sup> , 35 on 28 <sup>th</sup> .		
Bewick's Swan	2 on 5 <sup>th</sup> and 19 <sup>th</sup> .		
Greylag	140 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		
White-fronted Goose	3 on 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 13 on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 8 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> (W)		
Brent Goose	on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> (W)		
Shelduck	2 on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		
Cormorant	39 on 11 <sup>th</sup> , 15 on 20 <sup>th</sup> .		
Hen Harrier	2 on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> .		
Marsh Harrier	5 on 15 <sup>th</sup> , 7 on 18 <sup>th</sup> .		
Buzzard	on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 11 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> .		
Kite	on 15 <sup>th</sup> .		
Bittern	on 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Kestrel	3 on 20 <sup>th</sup> .
Spoonbill	7 over on 5 <sup>th</sup> .	Chiffchaff	ringed on 3 <sup>rd</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup> (W)
Water Rail	2 on 8 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .	Stonechat	one on 5 <sup>th</sup> , pair on 20 <sup>th</sup> .
Woodcock	on 2 <sup>nd</sup> .	Lesser Redpoll	4 on 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Mediterranean Gull	on 8 <sup>th</sup> .		
Short-eared Owl	10 on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 16 <sup>th</sup> ; 7 on 24 <sup>th</sup> .		
Great grey Shrike	on 5 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> , 15 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 20 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 24 <sup>th</sup> , 27 <sup>th</sup> and 29 <sup>th</sup> .		
Peregrine	on 14 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .		
Merlin	on 20 <sup>th</sup> .		