

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for August 2015

There was mist-netting activity at the Fen on 10 different days in August. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 9 days, the Reedbed on 6. The month's ringing total was 636 – with 85 retraps: a total of 721. Individual species totals were (ringed, followed by retraps):

Kingfisher	1, 0	Sedge Warbler	48, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	2, 0	Reed Warbler	212, 20
Blue Tit	12, 9	Tree Creeper	1, 0
Great Tit	8, 3	Wren	43, 9
Bearded Tit	5, 0	Blackbird	23, 3
Sand Martin	12, 0	Song Thrush	1, 2
Swallow	23, 1	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Cetti's Warbler	8, 4	Robin	28, 6
Long-tailed Tit	10, 6	Redstart	1, 0
Chiffchaff	32, 4	Dunnock	3, 4
Willow Warbler	3, 0	Greenfinch	7, 0
Blackcap	93, 6	Goldfinch	3, 0
Garden Warbler	7, 0	Linnet	3, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	14, 0	Bullfinch	9, 6
Whitethroat	23, 0	Jay	0, 1
		Reed Bunting	0, 1

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Reed Warbler L093230 at 5 years 1 month, Wren CHX414 at 4 years 11 months and Great Tit Y408313 at 3 years 1 month.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of August 2015 were:

Greylag	151 on 14 th .	Peregrine	on 4 th .
Shelduck	3 on 8 th and 18 th .	Hobby	till 25 th .
Gadwall	38 on 8 th and 14 th .	Kestrel	3 on 18 th .
Red-crested Pochard	drake on 14 th .	Cuckoo	till 11 th .
Garganey	max. 10 on 24 th .	Redstart	One ringed on 29 th .
Cormorant	max. 7 on 8 th .	Stonechat	4 on 29 th .
Little Egret	max. 10 on 25 th .	Wheatear	On 26 th and 27 th .
Bittern	on 13 th .		
Great White Heron	on 10 th , 16 th and from 21 st onwards		
Kite	on 4 th .		
Buzzard	on 22 nd .		
Crane	3 on 16 th .		
Golden Plover	30 on 18 th .		
Ringed Plover	max. c30 on 27 th ; c40 on 29 th .		
Curlew	7 on 19 th .		
Whimbrel	4 on 28 th .		
Ruff	max. 20 on 25 th .		
Little Stint	on 16 th , 24 th and 28 th .		
Common Sandpiper	max. 5 on 24 th and 27 th .		
Green Sandpiper	max. c15 on 27 th and 28 th .		
Greenchank	max. 9 on 6 th .		
Wood Sandpiper	max. 14 on 28 th and 29 th .		
Spotted Redshank	2 on 12 th .		