

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for April 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 16 different days in April. The St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used for netting on 10 days, Gallops on 3 and the Reedbed on 5. The month's ringing total was 124.; with another 145 birds retrapped or controlled. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Woodpigeon	1, 0	Sedge Warbler	5, 1
Green Woodpecker	0, 1	Reed Warbler	3, 1
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Grasshopper Warbler	2, 0
Jay	1, 0	Tree Creeper	0, 3
Blue Tit	1, 8	Blackbird	4, 6
Great Tit	2, 20	Song Thrush	2, 1
Long-tailed Tit	0, 11	Wren	6, 13
Cetti's Warbler	3, 6	Robin	9, 8
Chiffchaff	17, 14	Dunnock	2, 11
Willow Warbler	2, 0	House Sparrow	8, 9
Blackcap	22, 2	Chaffinch	5, 6
Lesser Whitethroat	2, 0	Goldfinch	4, 2
Whitethroat	1, 0	Bullfinch	7, 5
Garden Warbler	0, 1	Reed Bunting	15, 15

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Old birds retrapped during the month were: Dunnock L504728 at 6y 0m, Garden Warbler Y408038 at 4y 10m and Reed Bunting Y855026 at 4y 0m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of April 2017 were:

Shelduck	15 on 3 rd .	Sand Martin	first on 6 th .
Kite	2 on 19 th .	Swallow	first on 5 th .
Marsh Harrier	8 or 9 present .	House Martin	first on 9 th .
Hen Harrier	on 13 th .	Willow Warbler	first on 1 st .
Buzzard	2 on 5 th and 30 th .	Reed Warbler	first on 4 th .
Peregrine	on 15 th and 28 th .	Grasshopper Warbler	first on 3 rd .
Hobby	first on 21 st .	Blackcap	first on 1 st .
Bittern	at least 2 present.	Lesser Whitethroat	first on 15 th .
Crane	7 on 19 th .	Whitethroat	first on 16 th .
Oystercatcher	2 on 3 rd .	Garden Warbler	first on 3 rd .
Avocet	2 on 24 th .	Yellow Wagtail	first on 16 th .
Curlew	on 1 st .	Ring Ouzel	on 15 th .
Ruff	13 on 24 th .	Mistle Thrush	pair on 18 th .
Dunlin	3 on 30 th .	Wheatear	first on 10 th , 4 on 24 th .
Greenshank	5 on 29 th .	Stonechat	pair on 23 rd .
Green Sandpiper	4 on 24 th .	Nightingale	first on 13 th .
Common Tern	first on 13 th .		
Cuckoo	first on 22 nd .		
Short-eared Owl	on 5 th and 24 th .		
Little Owl	2 on 10 th .		
Swift	first on 29 th .		
Great grey Shrike	last seen on 3 rd .		