

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for May 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 10 different days in May (8 of these being the CES sessions); additionally, several pulli were ringed, mainly in the Group's nestboxes. The month's ringing total was 390. The species breakdown is below:

Sparrowhawk	1	Grasshopper Warbler	1
Cuckoo	1	Sedge Warbler	18
Jay	1	Reed Warbler	41
Jackdaw	12	Tree Creeper	1
Blue Tit	153	Wren	6
Great Tit	62	Starling	1
Bearded Tit	2	Blackbird	4
Cetti's Warbler	2	Song Thrush	1
Long-tailed Tit	3	Robin	10
Chiffchaff	32	Dunnock	4
Willow Warbler	1	Greenfinch	1
Blackcap	16	Goldfinch	1
Garden Warbler	5	Bullfinch	4
Lesser Whitethroat	1	Reed Bunting	3
Whitethroat	2		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Garden Warbler X875672 at 7y 0m, Dunnock L504728 at 6y 1m, Reed Warbler L505110 at 5y 10m, Blackbird LB03670 at 5y 8m, Long-tailed Tit DDA865 at 4y 9m, Bullfinch Y409137 at 4y 6m, Great Tit Y856527 at 3y 10m, Cetti's Warbler Y855616 and Reed Bunting Y855414 both at 3y 9m and Bearded Tit Y857816 at 3y 0m.

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

Egyptian Goose	2 (B) on 25 th and 29 th .		
Shelduck	28 on 15 th .	Nightingale	two present in mid-month.
Garganey	9 on 10 th .	Whinchat	2 on 1 st ; one on 6 th .
Little Egret	8 on 6 th .	Wheatear	on 6 th
Kite	on 10 th , 16 th and 22 nd .		
Osprey	on 2 nd .		
Oystercatcher	2 (B) on 9 th .		
Avocet	2 (B) on 6 th .		
Black-winged Stilt	2 on 12 th .		
Ruff	6 (B) on 6 th ; 4 on 9 th .		
Wood Sandpiper	one on 9 th ; 3 on 10 th .		
Greenshank	4 on 8 th ; 2 on 10 th .		
Turnstone	on 18 th .		
Gull-billed Tern	one reported on 15 th .		
Cuckoo	possibly 3 males		
Hobby	numbers up to c20 by 22 nd		
Red-footed Falcon	on 12 th .		
Peregrine	on 5 th .		
Spotted Flycatcher	on 14 th .		

(B) = Burwell Fen