

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for June 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 13 different days in June (8 of these being CES sessions); additionally, additionally a few more pulli were ringed, mainly from the Group's nestboxes. The month's ringing total was 199.

Barn Owl	3	Whitethroat	1
Kingfisher	1	Willow Warbler	2
Green Woodpecker	1	Chiffchaff	40
Great spotted Woodpecker	1	Garden Warbler	2
Jackdaw	3	Blackcap	13
Wren	13	Blue Tit	10
Dunnock	12	Great Tit	9
Robin	19	Long-tailed Tit	1
Blackbird	5	Tree Creeper	3
Cetti's Warbler	8	Linnet	2
Grasshopper Warbler	1	Chaffinch	1
Sedge Warbler	8	Bullfinch	3
Reed Warbler	33	Reed Bunting	2
Lesser Whitethroat	2		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blackbird XB92634 at 8y 2m (the WFG record for Blackbirds is 9y 1m); Dunnock L504728 at 6y 2m, Reed Warbler L504524 at 6y 0m, Bullfinch L504970 at 5y 9m and Cetti's Warbler Y855616 at 3y 10m.

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

Shelduck	with broods
Garganey	with broods
Bittern	feeding flights seen
Little Egret	up to 36 seen, with juveniles
Kite	on 4 th , 23 rd and 24 th .
Buzzard	2 on 9 th .
Hobby	3 on 26 th .
Little Grebe	with brood
Crane	2 Burwell Fen on 25 th ; one on 26 th .
Avocet	2 on 25 th .
Lapwing	with young
Ruff	on 20 th .
Black-tailed Godwit	on 25 th .
Green Sandpiper	on 19 th and 25 th .
Redshank	with young
Woodcock	one roding on 16 th
Cuckoo	at least 2 still present
Savi's Warbler	the May bird remained till June 1 st .