

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for July 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 10 different days in July (all but one of these being CES sessions); additionally some owls were ringed in the boxes. The month's ringing total was 447.

Common Tern	1	Sedge Warbler	28
Barn Owl	4	Reed Warbler	92
Kingfisher	1	Tree Creeper	2
Great spotted Woodpecker	3	Wren	36
Blue Tit	27	Blackbird	6
Great Tit	17	Song Thrush	4
Bearded Tit	6	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Cetti's Warbler	9	Robin	20
Long-tailed Tit	13	Dunnock	13
Chiffchaff	89	House Sparrow	1
Willow Warbler	13	Chaffinch	1
Blackcap	32	Linnet	4
Garden Warbler	3	Bullfinch	12
Lesser Whitethroat	3	Reed Bunting	5
Grasshopper Warbler	1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Chaffinch L504062 at 6y 8m, Blackbird XB92849 at 6y 6m, Reed Warbler L505240 at 6y 1m and Bullfinch Y409137 at 4y 8m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of July 2017 (B=Burwell Fen) were:

Egyptian Goose	2B on 10 th .
Garganey	several with young B
Mandarin	a juvenile reported on 8 th .
Bittern	one or two all month (feeding flights noted)
Little Egret	maximum 27 B on 16 th .
Quail	at Wicken on 11 th , B on 24 th .
Hobby	very few reported.
Black-winged Stilt	on 14 th .
Little ringed Plover	maximum 5 B on 24 th and 25 th .
Ruff	maximum 10 B on 30 th .
Little Stint	one B on 26 th and 28 th .
Black-tailed Godwit	22 on 2 nd .
Whimbrel	one B on 22 nd and 25 th .
Greenshank	maximum 27 B on 22 nd .
Common Sandpiper	maximum 3 B on 26 th and 27 th .
Green Sandpiper	maximum 19 B on 12 th .
Black Tern	one B on 19 th .
Turtle Dove	only report of one on 1 st .
Spotted Flycatcher	2 (one ringed) at Gallops on 27 th .
Whinchat	male on 19 th .