

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for August 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 12 different days in August (5 of these being CES sessions). The month's ringing total was 403, a further 99 birds were retraps, so the overall August "catch" was 502 birds (ringed shown first, followed by retraps).

Sparrowhawk	2, 0	Garden Warbler	4, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Blackcap	69, 2
Sand Martin	5, 0	Chiffchaff	42, 14
Swallow	34, 0	Willow Warbler	10, 0
Wren	16, 10	Goldcrest	1, 0
Dunnock	7, 4	Spotted Flycatcher	1, 0
Robin	12, 10	Bearded Tit	3, 1
Blackbird	10, 1	Reed Bunting	1, 0
Song Thrush	6, 2	Long-tailed Tit	9, 10
Cetti's Warbler	5, 5	Blue Tit	20, 17
Grasshopper Warbler	1, 0	Great Tit	10, 6
Sedge Warbler	24, 1	Tree Creeper	5, 1
Reed Warbler	85, 11	Chaffinch	2, 0
Lesser Whitethroat	3, 0	Greenfinch	0, 1
Whitethroat	13, 0	Bullfinch	3, 2

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Only one elderly bird was retrapped during August – Long-tailed Tit DDA491 at 3y 10m

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

Egyptian Goose	2 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Garganey	maximum 14 (B) on 11 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> .	
Little Egret	maximum 41 on 28 <sup>th</sup> .	(B) is Burwell Fen
Kite	on 27 <sup>th</sup> .	
Buzzard	2 on 14 <sup>th</sup> ; singles on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> .	
Peregrine	on 14 <sup>th</sup> .	
Merlin	on 25 <sup>th</sup> .	
Hobby	3 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Quail	recorded on 14 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> , 22 <sup>nd</sup> , 23 <sup>rd</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> !	
Ringed Plover	maximum 13 (B) on 17 <sup>th</sup> .	
Little ringed Plover	maximum 6 (B) on 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
Dunlin	maximum 13 (B) on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Ruff	maximum 16 (B) on 18 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Knot	one (B) on 18 <sup>th</sup> .	
Black-tailed Godwit	maximum 5 (B) on 14 <sup>th</sup> .	
Curlew	one on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Common Sandpiper	maximum 6 (B) on 24 <sup>th</sup> .	
Green Sandpiper	maximum 25 (B) on 13 <sup>th</sup> .	
Wood Sandpiper	one (B) on 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> , 18 <sup>th</sup> and 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	
Greenshank	maximum 9 (B) on 10 <sup>th</sup> .	
Spotted Redshank	one (B) on 4 <sup>th</sup> and 30 <sup>th</sup> .	
Snipe	9 (B) on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .	
Mediterranean Gull	one (B) on 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Spotted Flycatcher several recorded