

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for September 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 13 different days in September; thus it was a pretty active month. 4 of the sessions were at the Reedbed, 8 at St. Edmunds, 3 at Gallops and 2 at Burwell Fen. The month's ringing total was 817; the species totals shown below:

Kingfisher	4	Blackcap	196
Green Woodpecker	1	Chiffchaff	71
Meadow Pipit	80	Willow Warbler	3
Goldcrest	13	Bearded Tit	2
Wren	20	Blue Tit	57
Dunnock	17	Great Tit	33
Robin	16	Long-tailed Tit	7
Blackbird	4	Tree Creeper	1
Song Thrush	4	House Sparrow	40
Cetti's Warbler	23	Chaffinch	3
Grasshopper Warbler	1	Greenfinch	4
Sedge Warbler	9	Goldfinch	15
Reed Warbler	57	Garden Warbler	2
Lesser Whitethroat	1	Yellowhammer	1
Whitethroat	2	Reed Bunting	130

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blue Tit Y113300 at 6y 0m; Cetti's Warbler Y855616 and Great Tit Y856351 both at 4y 1m and Dunnock Y856400 at 4y 0m.

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

Wigeon	21 (B) on 18 th .	Bar-tailed Godwit	(B) on 14 th .
Garganey	maximum 8 (B) on 6 th .	Red-necked Phalarope	(B) on 14 th .
Pochard	on the 3 rd .	Greenshank	max 8 (B) on 4 th .
Pintail	a male on the 4 th .	Green Sandpiper	max 9 (B) on 18 th .
Little Egret	maximum 11 on 2 nd .	Common Sandpiper	(B) on 14 th and 18 th .
Great white Heron	B on 25 th and 30 th .	Wood Sandpiper	(B) 17 th to 26 th .
Bittern	on 26 th .	Snipe	20+ (B) on 14 th .
Crane	2 (B) on 18 th .	Peregrine	on 19 th .
Osprey	on 6 th and 14 th .	Hobby	last on 9 th .
Golden Plover	c500 (B) on 9 th .	Swift	on 19 th .
Little ringed Plover	maximum 3 (B) on 7 th .	Whinchat	3 on 22 nd and 24 th .
Ringed Plover	maximum 30 (B) on 18 th .	Wheatear	on 14 th .
Little Stint	maximum 10 (B) on 30 th .	Stonechat	4 on 1 st ; 2 on 27 th .
Pectoral Sandpiper	(B) on 7 th to 14 th .	Grey Wagtail	on 9 th .
Dunlin	maximum 12 (B) on 28 th .	Spotted Flycatcher	on 21 st ..
Ruff	maximum 54 (B) on 22 nd .		
Turnstone	(B) on 17 th .		
Black-tailed Godwit	7+ (B) on 24 th .		
Spotted Redshank	one (B) on many dates.		