

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for October 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 13 different days in October. 5 of the sessions were at the Reedbed, 5 at St. Edmunds, 4 at Gallops and 1 at Burwell Fen. The month's ringing total was 355; the species totals shown below:

Great spotted Woodpecker	2	Bearded Tit	1
Meadow Pipit	12	Long-tailed Tit	29
Goldcrest	36	Chiffchaff	17
Wren	6	Blackcap	28
Dunnock	4	House Sparrow	7
Robin	6	Chaffinch	3
Blackbird	5	Greenfinch	5
Song Thrush	1	Goldfinch	18
Redwing	19	Lesser Redpoll	3
Starling	1	Bullfinch	3
Cetti's Warbler	8	Yellowhammer	2
Blue Tit	27	Reed Bunting	84
Great Tit	28		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Great Tit L505752 at 6y 2m, Long-tailed Tit DDA663, Robin Y856190 and Cetti's Warbler Y855616 all three at 4y 2m, Dunnock Y856400 at 4y 1m and Goldfinch Y857057 at 3y 10m.

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

Whooper Swan	8 (B) 6 th ; 1 29 th .	Grey Wagtail	on 11 th .
Bar-headed Goose	2 on 3 rd and 13 th .	Fieldfare	first on 12 th .
Pintail	3 on 20 th .	Siskin	6 on 6 th .
Buzzard	2 on 6 th and 13 th .	Coal Tit	on 10 th
Little Egret	9 on 16 th .		
Great white Heron	2 (B) on 20 th .		
Crane	(B) on 9 th .		
Golden Plover	500+ on 9 th .		
Ringed Plover	max 3 (B) on 13 th .		
Little Stint	max 12 (B) on 2 nd ; still one on 31 st .		
Dunlin	max 11 (B) on 6 th .		
Ruff	max 173 (B) on 6 th ; 127 (B) on 20 th .		
Black-tailed Godwit	2 on 17 th .		
Spotted Redshank	one (B) until 20 th .		
Greenshank	(B) on 1 st and 2 nd .		
Green Sandpiper	(B) on 1 st and 6 th .		
Snipe	30 (B) on 6 th .		
Peregrine	on several dates		
Swallow	2 on 22 nd .		
Stonechat	6 on 28 th , 4 on 31 st .		

