

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for November 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 14 different days in November. 5 of the sessions were at the Reedbed, 5 at St. Edmunds, 3 at Gallops and 1 at Burwell Fen. The month's ringing total was 446; retraps were 147, so the total catch was 593 different birds.

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Bearded Tit	2, 2
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 0	Long-tailed Tit	1, 12
Meadow Pipit	7, 0	Tree Creeper	0, 2
Goldcrest	16, 7	Chiffchaff	7, 0
Wren	24, 13	Blackcap	1, 1
Dunnock	3, 2	House Sparrow	2, 2
Robin	3, 5	Chaffinch	2, 2
Blackbird	22, 2	Goldfinch	9, 2
Song Thrush	8, 0	Siskin	2, 0
Redwing	197, 0	Lesser Redpoll	1, 0
Cetti's Warbler	15, 10	Bullfinch	8, 7
Blue Tit	18, 38	Reed Bunting	86, 2
Great Tit	7, 37	Yellowhammer	3, 0
Jay	0, 1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Great Tit L505752 at 6y 3m, Long-tailed Tit DDA398 at 6y 1m, Bullfinch Y409267 at 5y 0m, Bearded Tit Y855603 at 4y 3m, Chaffinch Y856837 at 4y 2m (but now with papilloma virus infection), Blue Tit Y857010 at 4y 0m and Cetti's Warbler Y857634 at 3y 8m

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

Whooper Swan	28 on 17 th .
Bar-headed Goose	2 on 9 th and 12 th .
Shelduck	2 on 22 nd .
Pintail	3 on 3 rd .
Buzzard	2 on 25 th .
Little Egret	7 on 22 nd .
Little Stint	2 B on 6 th .
Dunlin	10 B on 25 th .
Black-tailed Godwit	on 18 th .
Woodcock	7 (!) reported on 25 th .
Short-eared Owl	on 24 th .
Merlin	on 17 th and 25 th .
Swallow	2 on 5 th .
Shorelark	B from 5 th to 8 th .
Water Pipit	B from 5 th to 9 th .
Stonechat	2 on 9 th and 25 th .

