

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

Brief news for December 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 10 different days in December. 2 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 162; retraps were 153, so the total catch was 315 different birds.

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| Sparrowhawk | 1, 0 | Bearded Tit | 0, 1 |
| Great spotted Woodpecker | 1, 0 | Long-tailed Tit | 2, 18 |
| Meadow Pipit | 6, 0 | Tree Creeper | 0, 2 |
| Goldcrest | 9, 3 | Blue Tit | 21, 38 |
| Wren | 7, 12 | Great Tit | 7, 38 |
| Dunnock | 2, 8 | Jay | 2, 0 |
| Robin | 5, 17 | House Sparrow | 4, 3 |
| Blackbird | 15, 4 | Chaffinch | 3, 1 |
| Fieldfare | 10, 0 | Goldfinch | 4, 1 |
| Song Thrush | 4, 0 | Bullfinch | 0, 5 |
| Redwing | 37, 0 | Lesser Redpoll | 5, 0 |
| Cetti's Warbler | 1, 2 | Reed Bunting | 14, 0 |
| Chiffchaff | 2, 0 | | |

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Blackbird XB92634 at 8y 8m, Great Tit TK77682 at 7y 7m, Long-tailed Tit DDA188 at 6y 3m, Robin Y1113943 at 5y 7m, Dunnock Y856400 at 4y 3m, Blue Tit Y857624 at 3y 11m and House Sparrow TK77490 at 3y 1m.

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

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| Great White Heron | on 3 rd . |
| Hen Harrier | maximum 5 on 4 th . |
| Marsh Harrier | maximum 3 on 3 rd and 13 th . |
| Green Sandpiper | B on 18 th . |
| Short-eared Owl | B on 18 th . |
| Little Owl | on 3 rd ; 2 on 14 th . |
| Merlin | 2 on 4 th , one on 15 th . |
| Coal Tit | on 5 th and 7 th . |
| Blackcap | on 3 rd . |
| Chiffchaff | ringed on 21 st and 22 nd . |
| Water Pipit | B on 17 th . |
| Mistle Thrush | on 8 th . |
| Stonechat | on 3 rd , 17 th and 18 th . |