

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for March 2018

There were netting sessions at the Fen on only 7 different days in March – the St. Edmund's Fen/Education area was used on 5 days, and Gallops on 3. The month's ringing total was 82; a further 123 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 205. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Sparrowhawk	1, 0	Song Thrush	2, 0
Great spotted Woodpecker	1, 2	Redwing	5, 0
Green Woodpecker	0, 1	Robin	2, 6
Jay	0, 2	Dunnock	0, 7
Cetti's Warbler	0, 1	House Sparrow	2, 1
Blue Tit	8, 25	Chaffinch	5, 0
Great Tit	6, 42	Goldfinch	9, 1
Long-tailed Tit	9, 10	Siskin	1, 0
Chiffchaff	4, 3	Bullfinch	0, 1
Tree Creeper	0, 3	Lesser Redpoll	8, 10
Wren	2, 3	Reed Bunting	12, 4
Blackbird	5, 1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Dunnock L504786 at 6y 11m; Great Tit Y856351 at 4 y 7m, Blue Tit Y856824 at 4y 6m, Long-tailed Tit DDA491 at 4y 5m (32 captures); Reed Bunting D680224 at 3y 11m and Great spotted Woodpecker RF97231 at 3y 3m (in spite of wearing a CC size ring!).

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings (B-Burwell Fen; W-Wicken Fen) during the month of March 2018 were:

Greylag	48 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Whitefront	B on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 7 <sup>th</sup> .
Snow Goose	on 10 <sup>th</sup> , 17 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Shelduck	12 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Wigeon	1110 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Pintail	14 on 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Pochard	17 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> ; 15 on 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Red-breasted Merganser	B on 4 <sup>th</sup> .
Bittern	regularly after 17 <sup>th</sup> .
Little Egret	14 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Marsh Harrier	7 on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Buzzard	4 on 12 <sup>th</sup> , 2 on 29 <sup>th</sup> .
Crane	2 on 10 <sup>th</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Oystercatcher	2 B on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Woodcock	on 16 <sup>th</sup> and 24 <sup>th</sup> .
Short-eared Owl	2 B on 6 <sup>th</sup> and 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Peregrine	on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Merlin	male on 6 <sup>th</sup> .
Coal Tit	on 24 <sup>th</sup> .
Chiffchaff	“first” on 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Siskin	on 26 <sup>th</sup> .