



## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for May 2018

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 9 different days in May – with additional nestbox sessions. Area B (Gallops) 2, Area F (Reedbed) 4, Area H (St Edmund's Fen) 3. The month's ringing total was 301; a further 116 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 417. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Cuckoo	1	Sedge Warbler	6, 1
Barn Owl	2	Reed Warbler	24, 6
Tawny Owl	1	Treecreeper	0, 5
Jackdaw	9		
Blue Tit	115, 12,	Wren	10, 11
Great Tit	36, 10		
Bearded Tit	1	Blackbird	2, 11
Long-tailed Tit	6, 6	Song Thrush	3
Cetti's Warbler	4, 5	Robin	5, 8
Chiffchaff	16, 2	Dunnock	7, 10
Willow Warbler	4,	House Sparrow	0, 2
Blackcap	25, 11	Chaffinch	3, 3
Garden Warbler	7	Goldfinch	1
Lesser Whitethroat	1, 0	Linnet	2
Whitethroat	1	Bullfinch	5, 9
Grasshopper Warbler	1	Reed Bunting	3, 4

Some of the more interesting bird sightings:

**Greylag Goose** max 44 on 18<sup>th</sup>, on Burwell Fen (BF) 43 on the 14<sup>th</sup>

**Egyptian Goose** BF 2 regularly.

**Shelduck** BF maximum 13 on the 1<sup>st</sup>

**Gadwall** BF maximum 58 on the 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Garganey** regular at both sites.

**Pochard** BF 4 on the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**Cormorant** BF max 5.

**Bittern** regular at both sites ? max 3 at WF.

**Great White Egret** BF on 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>.

**Little Ringed Plover** BF 2 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Ringed Plover** BF on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenshank** BF on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Black Tern** BF 4 on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

**Common Tern** BF max 3

**Cuckoo** at both sites max 3 males and a female on WF

**Hobby** at both sites, max WF 7 on the 14<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>

**Peregrine** a pair on the 5<sup>th</sup>.

**Grasshopper Warbler** max 5.

**Wheatear** BF 2 on the 2<sup>nd</sup> WF 6 on the 4<sup>th</sup>.

