

WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP



Brief news for June 2018

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 9 different days in June (all CES) – with additional nestbox sessions. Area B (Gallops) 3, Area F (Reedbed) 3, Area H (St Edmund's Fen) 3. The month's ringing total was 274; a further 132 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 406. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Cuckoo	1	
Barn Owl	2	
Kingfisher	1	
Green Woodpecker	2	2
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	
Pied Wagtail	6	
Wren	18	13
Dunnock	15	10
Robin	36	14
Blackbird	13	16
Song Thrush	6	2
Cetti's Warbler	4	6
Sedge Warbler	5	3
Reed Warbler	23	12
Lesser Whitethroat	1	
Whitethroat	2	

Garden Warbler	3	4
Blackcap	28	11
Chiffchaff	26	7
Willow Warbler	3	
Bearded Tit	4	
Long-tailed Tit	3	2
Blue Tit	42	8
Great Tit	10	6
Treecreeper	3	2
Jackdaw	1	
House Sparrow	1	2
Chaffinch	1	2
Goldfinch	2	
Bullfinch	6	8
Reed Bunting	5	2
	274	132

Two exceptional 'old' birds were a Garden Warbler X 875672 at 8 years and a month and a Chaffinch V834220 at 10 years and 9 days.

Interesting reports

Mute Swan 46 on Burwell Fen on the 13th,
 Shelduck bred on Burwell Fen,
 Garganey 3 on on Burwell Fen on the 29th,
 Pochard bred on Baker's Fen,
 Little Egret 22 on Wicken Fen on the 26th,
 Red Kite on the 19th,
 Marsh Harrier up to 4,
 Crane 2 reported on several dates,
 Avocet on Burwell Fen on the 29th, together with Little Ringed Plover, Black-tailed Godwit 20, Ruff 5,
 Greenshank 2, Green Sandpiper 2, Redshank 11 and 40 Little Egrets.
 Cuckoo 2 males and a female on Wicken Fen,
 Hobby on several dates and Bearded Tit some juveniles caught and ringed.

