

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP



### Brief news for July 2018

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 10 different days in July (CES + Bioblitz day) – with additional nestbox/pull sessions. Area B (Gallops) 3, Area F (Reedbed) 3, Area H (St Edmund's Fen) 4. The month's ringing total was 366; a further 93 different birds were retrapped, or controlled so the overall total for the month was 459. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds and second retraps) were:

Sparrowhawk	1	
Common Tern	1	
Woodpigeon	2	
Barn Owl	7	
Green Woodpecker		1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	
Wren	35	8
Dunnock	11	5
Robin	11	8
Blackbird	6	4
Cetti's Warbler	12	1
Grasshopper Warbler	1	
Sedge Warbler	18	3
Reed Warbler	67	11
Lesser Whitethroat	4	

Whitethroat	2	
Garden Warbler	9	2
Blackcap	63	8
Chiffchaff	44	5
Willow Warbler	2	
Bearded Tit	1	1
Long-tailed Tit	6	1
Blue Tit	25	12
Great Tit	17	5
Treecreeper	2	
Goldfinch	3	2
Bullfinch	9	11
Reed Bunting	6	3
	366	91

### Interesting reports

Cranes: 2 reported irregularly at both Wicken and Burwell Fens.

Bittern: reported from both Wicken and Burwell Fens.

Breeding records for among others: Shelduck, Gadwall, Tufted Duck and Little Grebe.

Wader passage at Burwell Fen included Wood Sandpiper 1 on the 8<sup>th</sup> and 2 on the 9<sup>th</sup> and a Curlew on the 11<sup>th</sup>, see table for others.

Unsurprisingly given the weather both Baker's Fen water and Burwell Fen were practically dry by the month's end.

	1	2	3	4	6	8	9	11	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
LRP		3			5	2	7	3	5			4		2	
BtGod		23	13	7	5	50	49		9			14		3	
Ru		3	3	6	1	5	19		17			7		5	
GS		1						9	5			14		5	
Gsk	1	2	2	3		2	3	1	2			3			

Waders at Burwell Fen: the top: Little Ringed Plover, Black-tailed Godwit, Ruff, Dunlin, Common Sandpiper, Green Sandpiper, Greenshank .