



## WICKEN FEN GROUP

### Brief news for August 2018

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 9 different days in August (mainly CES) – with additional roost sessions (highlighted). The month's ringing total was 446; a further 56 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 502. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Mallard	1	
Sparrowhawk	2	
Green Woodpecker	1	
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1	
Sand Martin	2	
Swallow	60	
Yellow Wagtail	49	
Wren	21	6
Dunnock	4	6
Robin	10	3
Blackbird	3	1
Song Thrush	4	
Cetti's Warbler	20	5
Grasshopper Warbler	1	
Sedge Warbler	20	
Reed Warbler	122	6

Lesser Whitethroat	2	
Whitethroat	11	
Garden Warbler	3	
Blackcap	40	2
Chiffchaff	24	3
Willow Warbler	8	
Spotted Flycatcher	2	
Bearded Tit		1
Long-tailed Tit	6	2
Blue Tit	13	10
Great Tit	4	8
Treecreeper		1
Chaffinch	1	
Goldfinch	1	
Bullfinch	6	1
Reed Bunting	4	1

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#### Interesting observations

By the end of the month both Baker's Fen and Burwell Fen had no open water and this dictated some of the observations (or lack of).

**Greylag** maximum 240 on the WeBS count on the 16<sup>th</sup>

**Mallard** 130+ on West Mere on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Shoveler** 34 on West Mere on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Pintail** a pair on West Mere on the 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Garganey** singles on two dates.

**Cormorant** 5 on Wicken Fen and 2 on Burwell Fen on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Little Grebe** bred on the brick pits – 8 on the WeBS count.

A ringtail possible **Hen Harrier** on Burwell Fen on the 15<sup>th</sup>.

**Black-tailed Godwits** up to 6 on several dates.

**Common Sandpiper** on one or two dates.

**Green Sandpiper** 1-7 regularly reported.

A **Nuthatch** on the 29<sup>th</sup> was unusual.

**Whinchat** on Verrall's Fen on the 30<sup>th</sup>, and a pair of **Stonechat** on the 26<sup>th</sup>.