



## WICKEN FEN GROUP

### Brief news for September 2018

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 9 different days in September the final CES sessions, additional roost sessions (highlighted) and sessions with feeders and tape lures. The month's ringing total was 564; a further 140 different birds were retrapped, so the overall total for the month was 704. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps/controls) were:

Sand Martin	2	
Swallow	57	1
Yellow Wagtail	12	1
Wren	15	10
Duncock	6	6
Robin	12	10
Blackbird	4	2
Song Thrush	4	1
Cetti's Warbler	10	4
Sedge Warbler	4	
Reed Warbler	52	3
Lesser Whitethroat	1	
Whitethroat	2	

Blackcap	155	7
Chiffchaff	27	3
Goldcrest	8	
Long-tailed Tit	17	13
Blue Tit	58	34
Great Tit	41	22
Treecreeper	1	1
House Sparrow	4	
Chaffinch	2	1
Goldfinch	55	11
Bullfinch	7	5
Reed Bunting	4	
	564	140

#### Interesting observations

Both Baker's Fen and Burwell Fen still had no open water meaning few counts of wildfowl or waders.

**Cormorant** on Burwell Fen maximum 11 on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Crane** 3 on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Green Sandpiper** on Burwell Fen one on the 7<sup>th</sup> then 2 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Greenshank** Burwell Fen 3 on the 22<sup>nd</sup> and one on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Short-eared Owl** Burwell Fen on the 12<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> and Wicken Fen on the 24<sup>th</sup>.

**Hobby** last on the 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Whinchat** 3 on Verrall's Fen on the 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Wheatear** one on the 24<sup>th</sup> and on the 29<sup>th</sup>.