



WICKEN FEN GROUP Summary for October 2018

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 11 different days in October most sessions with feeders and sound lures and mostly at the Piggeries and Gallop's. The month's ringing total was 270; a further 121 different birds were retrapped, and 3 controlled so the overall total for the month was 394. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

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Sparrowhawk	1	
Barn Owl	1	
Green Woodpecker	1	1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	3	
Wren	15	8
Dunnock	3	4
Robin	7	6
Blackbird	8	1
Fieldfare	5	
Song Thrush	3	1
Redwing	53	
Cetti's Warbler	4	1
Blackcap	15	

Chiffchaff	7	
Goldcrest	13	3
Long-tailed Tit	8	16
Blue Tit	24	30
Great Tit	18	39
Starling	1	
House Sparrow	17	
Chaffinch	2	2
Goldfinch	42	7
Siskin	2	
Redpoll	2	
Lesser Redpoll	2	
Bullfinch	2	2
Reed Bunting	11	
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Interesting observations

For the third month in a row Baker's Fen and Burwell Fen had no open water meaning few counts of wildfowl or waders. Note that the WeBS count on the 16th is for both Wicken and Burwell Fens - numbers combined.

Cormorant 9 on the WeBS count on the 16th.

Marsh Harrier 5 on the WeBS count on the 16th.

Hen Harrier a male on the 4th.

Green Sandpiper 2 on the WeBS count on the 16th.

Short-eared Owl Burwell Fen on the 12th and then 1-5 on several dates and Wicken Fen on the 16th.

Hobby - last on the 6th.

Bearded Tit 21 on the WeBS count on the 16th.

Redwing – earliest on the 1st.

Yellow Wagtail – last on the 11th.

Stonechat a pair on on the 2nd and one on Burwell Fen on the 24th.