



WICKEN FEN GROUP

Summary for December 2018

There were ringing sessions at the Fen on 9 different days in December most sessions with feeders and sound lures at the Piggeries and/or Gallop's. The month's ringing total was 261; a further 197 different birds were retrapped, and 1 controlled so the overall total for the month was 459. Individual species totals (the first figure new birds, the second retraps) were:

Great Spotted Woodpecker		2
Wren	2	1
Dunnock	1	9
Robin	1	5
Blackbird	10	2
Fieldfare	4	
Song Thrush	2	1
Redwing	99	
Cetti's Warbler		1
Goldcrest	1	5

Long-tailed Tit		23
Blue Tit	18	69
Great Tit	7	59
House Sparrow	19	8
Chaffinch	5	
Greenfinch	1	
Goldfinch	13	11
Bullfinch	1	1
Reed Bunting	77	1
	261	198

Interesting observations

As a result of pumping and rainfall both Baker's Fen and Burwell Fen had open water for the first time for several months.

Whooper Swan up to 35 on Burwell Fen all month.

Barnacle Goose one on the 2nd.

Wigeon maximum 540 on the 9th.

Teal c400 on the 9th.

Gadwall 164 combined count Baker's and Burwell Fens on the 9th.

Cormorant Burwell Fen 7 on the 16th.

Slavonian Grebe Burwell Lode on the 27th.

Marsh Harrier maximum 4.

Hen Harrier the roost peaked at 3 males and a ringtail.

Crane a pair flew over on the 30th.

Dunlin 15 on the 9th.

Woodcock one on the 3rd.

Short-eared Owl Burwell Fen 1-5 on several dates.

Peregrine on the 16th and 30th.

Stonechat a female on the 16th.