

Wicken Fen Group End of Month May 2020

1. For the second month, all totals were zero. The Coronavirus COVID-19 lock-down completed nine weeks at the end of May and by then, guidance differed across the four countries of the UK. England had relaxed the 'stay at home' policy to allow meeting a few others in the open, provided they practised 'social distancing' by keeping at least 2 metres apart. This enabled the BTO to allow ringers to proceed within these limits, providing the landowner gave permission.

The revised instructions enabled the National Trust to begin re-opening very tentatively, starting with some countryside properties with a car park. This included Wicken Fen, which allowed the public to return and visit a reduced area of the fen, arriving at a pre-booked parking space between 10:00 and 16:00. It was considered not in the best interests of the property to allow ringers to park outside those times or other than in the car park, nor to operate in areas not available to the public. There was therefore no ringing anywhere on the fen during May.

No recoveries or controls were reported during the month.

Neil Larner

2. Movements to and from Wicken Fen received this month from the BTO. (Codes are from DemOn and include U = Unspecified)

Here are the details of a recovery of one of your birds.

Species: Blue Tit (*Cyanistes caeruleus*) Scheme: GBT Ring no: **ANC3152**

Ringling details

Age: 5 Sex: U Sex meth: U P.ringed: 0 P.alive: 0 Condition: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: N Act1: U Act2: U

Ringling date: 06-Feb-2020 11:00:00

Reg code: WFG Place code: WFG Site name: Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire, UK

County code: GBCAM Grid ref: TL5469 Accuracy 1 - Co-ords: 52deg 18min N 0deg 16min E Accuracy 1

Hab1: A4 Hab2: G8

Biometrics: Wing: 61.0 mm. Weight: 10.7 g. Time: 11:00:00hrs

Remarks: -

Ringer: Wicken Fen Group, 9098

Finding details

Ring not Verified Age: 5 Sex: U Sex meth: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: - Act1: U Act2: U

Finding date: 16-Mar-2020 (0) 11:30:00

Reg code: - Place code: STOCK Site name: Stocking Green, Essex, UK

County code: GBESS Grid ref: TL5938 Accuracy 0 - Co-ords: 52deg 1min N 0deg 19min E Accuracy 0

Hab1: E3 Hab2: --

Biometrics: Wing: 62.0 mm. Weight: 10.0 g. Time: 11:55:00hrs

Finding condition: 8:20 Movement: 9

Subsequent Capture by Ringer Intentionally Taken

Remarks: -

Duration: 39 days Distance: 32 km Direction: 174deg (S)

Finder: Upper Cam Ringing Group, 9204

Link to report: <https://app.bto.org/ringingteam/ring-prints/ANC3152-32540592-R-16032020-32476887>

Ringed at Wicken by Michael Holdsworth (MYH)

Here are the details of a recovery of one of your birds.

Species: Goldfinch (*Carduelis carduelis*) Scheme: GBT Ring no: **Z404151**

Ringling details

Age: 5 Sex: F Sex meth: U P.ringed: 0 P.alive: 0 Condition: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: N Act1: U Act2: U

Ringling date: 03-Mar-2016 13:30:00

Reg code: WFG Place code: WFG Site name: Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire, UK

County code: GBCAM Grid ref: TL5670 Accuracy 1 - Co-ords: 52deg 18min N 0deg 17min E Accuracy 1

Hab1: A1 Hab2: --

Biometrics: Wing: 76.0 mm. Weight: 16.5 g. Time: 13:30:00hrs

Remarks: -

Ringer: Wicken Fen Group, 9098

Finding details

Ring not Verified Age: 6 Sex: M Sex meth: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: - Act1: U Act2: U

Finding date: 16-Mar-2020 (0) 10:20:00

Reg code: - Place code: KFB Site name: Kingfisher Bridge, Wicken, Cambridgeshire, UK

County code: GBCAM Grid ref: TL5472 Accuracy 0 - Co-ords: 52deg 19min N 0deg 15min E Accuracy 0

Hab1: B7 Hab2: --

Biometrics: Wing: 77.0 mm. Weight: 16.5 g. Time: 10:20:00hrs

Finding condition: 8:20 Movement: 9

Subsequent Capture by Ringer Intentionally Taken

Remarks: Sex discrepancy

Duration: 1474 days Distance: 2 km Direction: 270deg (W)

Finder: Kingfisher Bridge Ringing Group, 9223

Link to report: <https://app.bto.org/ringingteam/ring-prints/Z404151-32537909-R-16032020-25914136>

Ringed at Wicken by Mark Peck (MSP)

Here are the details of a ringed bird you have reported.

Species: Great Tit (*Parus major*) Scheme: GBT Ring no: **S814982**

Ringling details

Age: 3 Sex: F Sex meth: U P.ringed: 0 P.alive: 0 Condition: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: N Act1: U Act2: U

Ringling date: 23-Oct-2019 08:50:00

Reg code: - Place code: KFB Site name: Kingfisher Bridge, Wicken, Cambridgeshire, UK

County code: GBCAM Grid ref: TL5472 Accuracy 0 - Co-ords: 52deg 19min N 0deg 15min E Accuracy 0

Hab1: B7 Hab2: --

Biometrics: Wing: 73.0 mm. Weight: 17.2 g. Time: 08:50:00hrs

Remarks:-

Ringer: Kingfisher Bridge Ringing Group, 9223

Finding details

Ring not Verified Age: 5 Sex: M Sex meth: U

Colour marks added: - Metal marks added: - Act1: U Act2: U

Finding date: 14-Mar-2020 12:15:00

Reg code: WFG Place code: WFG Site name: Wicken Fen, Cambridgeshire, UK

County code: GBCAM Grid ref: TL5670 Accuracy 1 - Co-ords: 52deg 18min N 0deg 17min E Accuracy 1

Hab1: A1 Hab2: --

Biometrics: Wing: 72.0 mm. Weight: 17.0 g. Time: 12:15:00hrs

Finding condition: 8:20 Movement: 9

Subsequent Capture by Ringer Intentionally Taken

Remarks: Sex discrepancy

Duration: 143 days Distance: 2 km Direction: 91deg (E)

Finder: Wicken Fen Group, 9098

Link to report: <https://app.bto.org//ringingteam/ring-prints/S814982-32572268-FIR-14032020-32262421>

Recovered at Wicken by Mark Peck(MSP)