

Wicken Fen Group End of Month August 2020

We're back! On 7th August, Mark made the first catches since Covid-19 lock-down began in March. There will be a new normality to get used to. Training has not resumed as no one has worked out how to maintain a 'social distance' of 2 metres between people. There has been no reedbed ringing as vehicle access has been prohibited and entry on foot is all but impossible with the access routes overgrown and a fallen tree blocking Fuller's Drove.

1. Totals of Individual Birds by Capture Type

Species	New	Retraps	TOTAL
Blue Tit	43	4	47
Great Tit	17	1	18
Long-tailed Tit	8	2	10
Willow Warbler	3		3
Chiffchaff	44		44
Sedge Warbler	1		1
Reed Warbler	9		9
Blackcap	75		75
Garden Warbler	7		7
Lesser Whitethroat	4		4
Whitethroat	8		8
Goldcrest	1		1
Wren	7		7
Treecreeper	1	1	2
Blackbird	1	1	2
Robin	6		6
Dunnock	5		5
Chaffinch	10		10
Bullfinch	2	1	3
Goldfinch	3		3
TOTAL	255	10	265

2. New birds by date/session

Site codes: B=North Field/Gallops F=Reedbed (inc G&K) H=St Edmunds (inc A)

N= Guinea Hall O=Oily Hall P=Burwell Fen Q=Reach Fen X=undefined

Day & Site Code	07 B	08 B	16 B	28 H	31 H	TOTAL
Blue Tit		5	21		17	43
Great Tit	1	3	3		10	17
Long-tailed Tit			8			8
Willow Warbler	1		2			3
Chiffchaff	4	12	24	2	2	44
Sedge Warbler		1				1
Reed Warbler		1	7		1	9
Blackcap	1	10	21	21	22	75
Garden Warbler	1	2	2	1	1	7
Lesser Whitethroat			1	2	1	4
Whitethroat		6		1	1	8
Goldcrest		1				1
Wren	1	4	1	1		7
Treecreeper			1			1
Blackbird				1		1
Robin		3		1	2	6
Duncock		2	1	1	1	5
Chaffinch			10			10
Bullfinch				1	1	2
Goldfinch			3			3
TOTAL	9	50	105	32	59	255

3. All captures by date/session

Site codes: B=North Field/Gallops F=Reedbed (inc G&K) H=St Edmunds (inc A)

N= Guinea Hall O=Oily Hall P=Burwell Fen Q=Reach Fen X=undefined

Day & Site Code	07 B	08 B	16 B	28 H	31 H	TOTAL
Blue Tit		5	23	1	19	48
Great Tit	1	4	5		10	20
Long-tailed Tit			10			10
Willow Warbler	1		2			3
Chiffchaff	4	12	24	2	2	44
Sedge Warbler		1				1
Reed Warbler		1	7		1	9
Blackcap	1	10	21	21	22	75
Garden Warbler	1	2	2	1	1	7
Lesser Whitethroat			1	2	1	4
Whitethroat		6		1	1	8
Goldcrest		1				1
Wren	1	4	1	1		7
Treecreeper			2			2
Blackbird				1	1	2
Robin		3		1	2	6
Dunnock		2	1	1	1	5
Chaffinch			10			10
Bullfinch		1		1	1	3
Goldfinch			3			3
TOTAL	9	52	112	33	62	268

(This table includes multiple captures of the same individuals.)

4. 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: Reed Warbler (*Acrocephalus scirpaceus*) Scheme: GBT Ring no: **S536962**

Ringling details

Age: 3J 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: 29-Jul-2017 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: C7 Hab2: G8

Biometrics: Wing: 65.0 mm. Weight: 10.4 g. Time: 11:00:00hrs

Remarks: -

Ringer: Wicken Fen Group, 9098

Finding details

Ring not Verified Age: 4 Sex: U Sex meth: U

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

Finding date: 08-Aug-2020 (0) 08:00:00

Reg code: ICK Place code: ICK Site name: Icklesham, Sussex, East Sussex, UK

County code: GBESU Grid ref: TQ8815 Accuracy 0 - Co-ords: 50deg 54min N 0deg 40min E Accuracy 0

Hab1: C7 Hab2: E6

Biometrics: Wing: 67.0 mm. Weight: 11.5 g. Time: 08:00:00hrs

Finding condition: 8:20 Movement: 9

Subsequent Capture by Ringer Intentionally Taken

Remarks: -

Duration: 1106 days Distance: 158 km Direction: 170deg (S)

Finder: Rye Bay Ringing Group, 9139

Link to report: <https://app.bto.org/ringingteam/ring-prints/S536962-33002011-R-08082020-28051729>

Ringed at Wicken by Chris Quy (CQ)

5. Longevity. There were no new longevity records this month.