

## WICKEN FEN (BIRD RINGING) GROUP

### Brief news for July 2017

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 10 different days in July (all but one of these being CES sessions); additionally some owls were ringed in the boxes. The month's ringing total was 447.

Common Tern	1	Sedge Warbler	28
Barn Owl	4	Reed Warbler	92
Kingfisher	1	Tree Creeper	2
Great spotted Woodpecker	3	Wren	36
Blue Tit	27	Blackbird	6
Great Tit	17	Song Thrush	4
Bearded Tit	6	Spotted Flycatcher	1
Cetti's Warbler	9	Robin	20
Long-tailed Tit	13	Dunnock	13
Chiffchaff	89	House Sparrow	1
Willow Warbler	13	Chaffinch	1
Blackcap	32	Linnet	4
Garden Warbler	3	Bullfinch	12
Lesser Whitethroat	3	Reed Bunting	5
Grasshopper Warbler	1		

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Old birds retrapped during the month were Chaffinch L504062 at 6y 8m, Blackbird XB92849 at 6y 6m, Reed Warbler L505240 at 6y 1m and Bullfinch Y409137 at 4y 8m.

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Some of the more interesting bird sightings during the month of July 2017 (B=Burwell Fen) were:

Egyptian Goose	2B on 10 <sup>th</sup> .
Garganey	several with young B
Mandarin	a juvenile reported on 8 <sup>th</sup> .
Bittern	one or two all month (feeding flights noted)
Little Egret	maximum 27 B on 16 <sup>th</sup> .
Quail	at Wicken on 11 <sup>th</sup> , B on 24 <sup>th</sup> .
Hobby	very few reported.
Black-winged Stilt	on 14 <sup>th</sup> .
Little ringed Plover	maximum 5 B on 24 <sup>th</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Ruff	maximum 10 B on 30 <sup>th</sup> .
Little Stint	one B on 26 <sup>th</sup> and 28 <sup>th</sup> .
Black-tailed Godwit	22 on 2 <sup>nd</sup> .
Whimbrel	one B on 22 <sup>nd</sup> and 25 <sup>th</sup> .
Greenshank	maximum 27 B on 22 <sup>nd</sup> .
Common Sandpiper	maximum 3 B on 26 <sup>th</sup> and 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Green Sandpiper	maximum 19 B on 12 <sup>th</sup> .
Black Tern	one B on 19 <sup>th</sup> .
Turtle Dove	only report of one on 1 <sup>st</sup> .
Spotted Flycatcher	2 (one ringed) at Gallops on 27 <sup>th</sup> .
Whinchat	male on 19 <sup>th</sup> .

