

# Cambridgeshire Bird Club



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(The records in this bulletin are unchecked and may be revised at a later date)

## HEADLINES



Black-winged Stilt: photo by James Hanlon

**BLACK-THROATED DIVER\*** Fen Drayton Lakes (29<sup>th</sup>).

**CATTLE EGRET\*** Ouse Washes RSPB (the bird from April still present until the 7<sup>th</sup>).

**GREAT WHITE EGRET\*** Ouse Washes RSPB (2 on 7<sup>th</sup> single on 17th).

**SPOONBILL** Wicken Fen (2 on 4<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/March Farmers (24<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup>, then 4 on 31<sup>st</sup>).

**SPOTTED CRAKE** Nene Washes (4<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>).

**CORNCRAKE** Nene Washes (4<sup>th</sup>).

**HONEY BUZZARD\*** Paxton Pits (dark –phase bird flew over on 14<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (female flyover on 26<sup>th</sup>).

**WHITE-TAILED EAGLE\*** Dry Drayton (flyover on 25<sup>th</sup>).

**BLACK-WINGED STILT** Fen Drayton Lakes (1<sup>st</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>) an escape with an orange ring above the knee on the left leg, this bird moved to Berry Fen on 14<sup>th</sup> and then flitted between Ouse Fen and Berry Fen). Paxton Pits (2 in flight on 16<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Fen (3 on 16<sup>th</sup> – one with a ring), Fen Drayton Lakes (2 on 16<sup>th</sup> and 3 on 19<sup>th</sup> – one ringed), Burwell Fen (3 on 17<sup>th</sup>), Offord Cluny (2 on 18<sup>th</sup>).

**TEMMINCK'S STINT** Paxton Pits (6<sup>th</sup>).

**RED-NECKED PHALAROPE\*** Nene Washes/March Farmers (23<sup>rd</sup> and another on 31<sup>st</sup>).

**ALPINE SWIFT\*** Ouse Fen (10<sup>th</sup>).

**BEE EATER\*** Helpston (5 flyovers on 25<sup>th</sup>).

**RED RUMPED SWALLOW\*** Cambourne (18<sup>th</sup>).

**GREAT REED WARBLER\*** Nene Washes (one singing on 18<sup>th</sup>).

## Other records

*All records below refer to the month at the head of the E-bulletin and where no numbers are given the record relates to single birds.*

*Where there is an asterisk after the name of the species this indicates that it is necessary to send a description to the County Recorder before the record will be accepted.*

### **Wildfowl**

**Mute Swan** Wicken Fen (54 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Whooper Swan** Ouse Washes (2<sup>nd</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>).

**Barnacle Goose** Grafham Water (5 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Pink-footed Goose** Wicken Fen (4<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen (9<sup>th</sup> and 2 on 12<sup>th</sup>).

**Greylag Goose** Wicken Fen (51 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Canada Goose** Wicken Fen (30 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Egyptian Goose** Paxton Pits (2 pairs), Chippenham Fen (21<sup>st</sup>).

**Shelduck** Ouse Washes (16 on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Paxton Pits (7<sup>th</sup>), Burwell Fen (2 pairs with young on 15<sup>th</sup>), Chippenham Fen (2 plus 7 flyovers on 21<sup>st</sup>), Wicken Fen (maximum 20 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Ruddy Shelduck** Fen Drayton Lakes (3<sup>rd</sup>), Berry Fen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Ouse Washes (4<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/Eldernell (5<sup>th</sup>).



**Mandarin** Paxton Pits (26<sup>th</sup>).

**Wigeon** Burwell Fen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Berry Fen (3 pairs on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Ouse Washes (60+ on 3<sup>rd</sup>, a pair on 17<sup>th</sup> and 6 on 24<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (drake on 17<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Mallard** Wicken Fen (74 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Teal** Ouse Washes (3 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 25+ on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 3 on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (pair on 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 drakes on 31<sup>st</sup>).

**Gadwall** Wicken Fen (36 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Pintail** Ouse Washes (single on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7 on 3<sup>rd</sup> a drake on 17<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup>), Cam Washes (a drake on 5<sup>th</sup>).

**Garganey** *reported from* Berry Fen (3), Burwell Fen (maximum 4), Cam Washes (2), Fen Drayton Lakes, Little Fen (pair), Nene Washes (2), Ouse Washes (maximum 4) and Wicken Fen (2).

**Shoveler** Paxton Pits (male on 13<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (5 on 19<sup>th</sup>).



Shoveler female at Fen Drayton Lakes: photo by Garth Peacock

**Red-crested Pochard** Paxton Pits (1-2 drakes during the month then 3 on 26<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup>, - a pair on 29<sup>th</sup>).

**Pochard** Burwell Fen (male on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (male on 13<sup>th</sup>, 12 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 6 on 24<sup>th</sup> and 12 on 31<sup>st</sup>), Wicken Fen (19<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Washes (8 on 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Tufted Duck** Trumpington (3 pairs on 10<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (34 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Goldeneye** Paxton Pits (female 16<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Ruddy Duck** Burwell Fen (female on 1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>).

### **Gamebirds**

**Grey Partridge** *reported from* Burwell Fen (2), Comberton/Westfield Farm (6 on 25<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/March Farmers (2), Swaffham Bulbeck and Trumpington (2).

### **Divers, shearwaters, gannet and cormorants**

**Great Northern Diver**\* Grafham Water (long-stay bird still present up until the 4<sup>th</sup>).

### **Egrets and herons**

**Bittern** *reported from - maxima in brackets:* Nene Washes (3), Ouse Fen (a remarkable 6 of which 5 seen and another heard. The 5 were in flight apparently being harried by a Marsh Harrier on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Ouse Washes, Wicken Fen (2) and Woodwalton Fen.

*Encouraging signs that the intensive project work of the RSPB is beginning to have some real effect on this species. For comparison, in 2000 there was only a single summer record in Cambridgeshire of a bird at Wicken Fen.*

**Little Egret** *reported from* Burwell Fen (c20 on 19<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water, Little Fen-Berry Fen (15 on 8<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Washes (4), Paxton Pits (4) and Wicken Fen (23).

### **Grebes**

**Little Grebe** *reported from* Burwell Fen (9 on 15<sup>th</sup>), Trumpington and Wicken Fen (13 on 10<sup>th</sup>).

**Great Crested Grebe** *reported from* St. Ives lock (pair on 12<sup>th</sup>) and Wicken Fen (4 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

### **Raptors**

**Red Kite** *reported from* Foxton, Grafham Water (2), Nene Washes, Paxton Pits (2) and Wicken Fen.

**Marsh Harrier** *reported from* Cam Washes, Chippenham Fen (2), Etton Pit, Flag Fen, Haddenham, Little Wilbraham Fen (3), Nene Washes (3), Ouse Fen (6), Ouse Washes and Wicken Fen (4).

*A Marsh Harrier found in a poor state close to the Ouse Washes last month was taken into care but sadly deteriorated to such an extent that a Vet advised it be put down. It had been ringed a one of a brood of three at Stodmarsh, Kent on June 26<sup>th</sup> 2011.*

**Hen Harrier** Wicken Fen (7<sup>th</sup> – latest date for the first winter period).

**Sparrowhawk** *reported from* Haddenham/Aldreth Fen and Paxton Pits (3).

**Buzzard** *reported from* Babraham, Barton (5), Chippenham Fen, Comberton, Grafham Water (12), Hildersham, Ouse Fen, Paxton Pits (11) and Wicken Fen.

**Osprey** Floods Ferry (20<sup>th</sup>).

### ***Rails and crane***

**Water Rail** reported from Chippenham Fen and Wicken Fen.

**Corncrake** reported from Nene Washes.

**Coot** Wicken Fen (102 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Crane** Anglesey Abbey (2 circling on 3<sup>rd</sup>), Nene Washes (5 on 8<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 18<sup>th</sup>), Burwell Fen (2 on 16<sup>th</sup>), Little Wilbraham Fen (2 on 25<sup>th</sup>), Quy (30<sup>th</sup>).

### ***Waders***

**Avocet** Grafham Water (2 on 3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/March Farmers (2 on 4<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (4 on 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Oystercatcher** Paxton Pits (bred; 4 on 12<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>), Burwell Fen (2 on 15<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (2 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Golden Plover** Flag Fen (4<sup>th</sup>).

**Grey Plover** Nene Washes/March Farmers (2 on 4<sup>th</sup>, – first of the year - single on 5<sup>th</sup>, 1-2 on 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup>), Burwell Fen (7<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (20<sup>th</sup>).

**Little Ringed Plover** Burwell Fen (2<sup>nd</sup>), Fen Drayton Lakes (a single on 9<sup>th</sup> and 3 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Trumpington (2 on 10<sup>th</sup> and one on 18<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (1-2 from 7<sup>th</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup>)

**Ringed Plover** Nene Washes/March Farmers (7 on 5<sup>th</sup>, 11 on 6<sup>th</sup>, 76 on 11<sup>th</sup>, 44 - 46 on 19<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> and still 13 on 28<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (8 on 15<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (2-7 from 6<sup>th</sup> to the end of the month), Trumpington (20 on 10<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen (7 on 10<sup>th</sup> and a single on 12<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/Eldernell (35 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Whimbrel** Burwell Fen (flyover on 2<sup>nd</sup>, one on 4<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup>), Paxton Pits (one on 7<sup>th</sup>, then 1-2 on 20<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Washes (2 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (11<sup>th</sup>), Farcet Fen (flyover on 27<sup>th</sup>).

**Curlew** Paxton Pits (7<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Washes (24<sup>th</sup>).

**Black tailed Godwit** Ouse Washes (single on 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4 on 24<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/Eldernell (c70 on 5<sup>th</sup> and c50 on 11<sup>th</sup> – of the race *islandica*), Paxton Pits (5 on 6<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen (5 on 7<sup>th</sup>), March Farmers (35 on 8<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (10<sup>th</sup>).

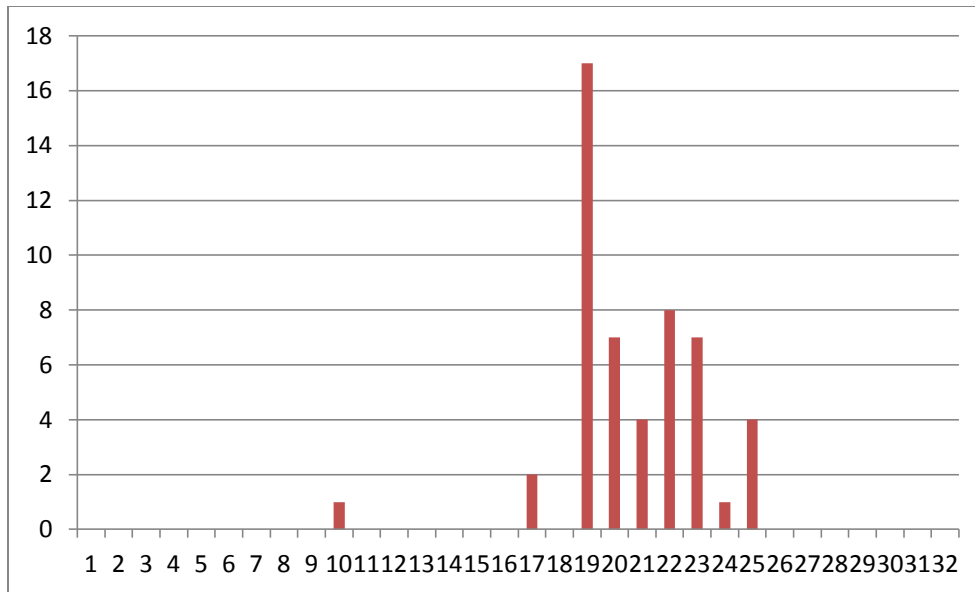
**Bar-tailed Godwit** Burwell Fen (1<sup>st</sup> – 3<sup>rd</sup>), Ouse Washes (3 on 3<sup>rd</sup>), Nene Washes (4<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> flyover), Paxton Pits (single on 6<sup>th</sup> and 3 on 7<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>).

**Turnstone** Burwell Fen (7<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (one on 7<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 10<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/Eldernell (2 on 19<sup>th</sup>), March Farmers (2 on 23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Knot** Paxton Pits (22<sup>nd</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> then 2 on 24<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup>).

**Ruff** Nene Washes/March Farmers (22<sup>nd</sup>).

**Sanderling** Paxton Pits (10<sup>th</sup> – first of the year, 2 on 17<sup>th</sup>, 7 on 20<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 on 22<sup>nd</sup>, one on 23<sup>rd</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (7 on 19<sup>th</sup> and 4 on 25<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/March Farmers (8 on 19<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 21<sup>st</sup>, 4 on 22<sup>nd</sup>, 3 on 23<sup>rd</sup>), Burwell Fen (2 on 19<sup>th</sup>).



Sanderling passage

*Whereas Bar-tailed Godwit and Whimbrel both had a prolonged passage (April 20<sup>th</sup> – May 23<sup>rd</sup>) and (April 14<sup>th</sup> – May 29<sup>th</sup>) respectively, Sanderling have had a short and concentrated one.*

**Dunlin** Burwell Fen (4 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>, single on 19<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (2 on 6<sup>th</sup>, 106 on 11<sup>th</sup>, 2 on 19<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (18 on 7<sup>th</sup>, 5 on 8<sup>th</sup> and 4 on 9<sup>th</sup> and a single on 10<sup>th</sup>), Fen Drayton Lakes (9<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen ( 3 on 7<sup>th</sup>, 6 on 9<sup>th</sup>, 8 on 12<sup>th</sup> and 3 on 14<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (1-2 on 19<sup>th</sup>- 28<sup>th</sup>, 16 on 22<sup>nd</sup>).

Dunlin at Paxton Pits

6th	7 <sup>th</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	9 <sup>th</sup>	10th	11 <sup>th</sup>	12 <sup>th</sup>	13 <sup>th</sup>	14th	15 <sup>th</sup>	16 <sup>th</sup>
2	6-10	17	26	11	18	4	6	1	-	2

Thereafter 1-2 until 7 on 24th.

**Little Stint** Nene Washes/March Farmers (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Common Sandpiper** Fen Drayton Lakes (2<sup>nd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (4<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (6<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (11<sup>th</sup>), Trumpington (18<sup>th</sup>), Cam Washes (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Green Sandpiper** Burwell Fen (1<sup>st</sup>), Fen Drayton Lakes (3 on 6<sup>th</sup>).

**Spotted Redshank** Nene Washes/March Farmers (3<sup>rd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup>), Little Fen - Berry Fen (2 on 7<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup>).

**Greenshank** Burwell Fen (singles on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 3 on 19<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (4 on 4<sup>th</sup> and a single on 11<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen (10<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>), Paxton Pits (21<sup>st</sup>), Ouse Washes RSPB (2 on 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Wood Sandpiper** Wicken Fen (5<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes/March Farmers (21<sup>st</sup>- 22<sup>nd</sup>).

**Redshank** Paxton Pits (maximum 4 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Burwell Fen (3 on 15<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (7).

**Woodcock** Chippenham Fen (2), Wicken Fen (maximum 5).

**Snipe** *drumming birds reported from* Wicken Fen.

### ***Skuas, Puffin, auks, terns and gulls***

**Little Tern** Burwell Fen (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Black Tern** Grafham Water (3<sup>rd</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>), Ouse Washes (3<sup>rd</sup>), Wicken Fen (3 on 5<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (2 on 19<sup>th</sup>, 4 on 20<sup>th</sup>).

**Sandwich Tern** Paxton Pits (19<sup>th</sup>).

**Common Tern** Paxton Pits (c20 on 7<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (14 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Trumpington (4 pairs nesting on rafts).



Common Tern at Fen Drayton Lakes: photo by Colin Brown

**Arctic Tern** Grafham Water (460 on 1<sup>st</sup> for a short time, 16 on 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2 on 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 on 9<sup>th</sup> a single on 10<sup>th</sup> and 2 on 11<sup>th</sup>), Ferry Meadows CP (1<sup>st</sup>), Burwell Fen ( 2 on 2<sup>nd</sup>, single on 3<sup>rd</sup>), Ouse Washes (2 on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Fen Drayton Lakes (3 on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Roswell Pits (15 on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Berry Fen (2 on 2<sup>nd</sup>), Paxton Pits (3 on 2<sup>nd</sup> and one on 17<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>).

**Black-headed Gull** Trumpington (3 pairs nesting on rafts), Burwell Fen (c 90 nests, maximum 329 on 19<sup>th</sup>).

**Little Gull** Paxton Pits (29<sup>th</sup>).

**Mediterranean Gull** Sutton Gault (adult on 17<sup>th</sup>).

**Common Gull** Ouse Washes (2<sup>nd</sup>), Paxton Pits (13<sup>th</sup>) – *a less reported species especially in summer.*

**Lesser Black-backed Gull** up to 10 reported from several sites.

### ***Doves, cuckoo, owls kingfisher and woodpeckers***

**Stock Dove** Manea (80 on 24<sup>th</sup>), Comberton/Westfield Farm (5 on 25<sup>th</sup>).

**Turtle Dove** Paxton Pits (1-2 from 3<sup>rd</sup>), Colne GP (13<sup>th</sup>), Haddenham (14<sup>th</sup>), Cottenham (14<sup>th</sup>), Maxey Pits (14<sup>th</sup>), also at Lode, Ouse Fen, Sutton Gault and Gault Hole, Sutton Meadowlands (6).

**Cuckoo** *reported from* Aldreth, Burwell Fen (3), Cam Washes, Chippenham Fen (3), Flag Fen (2), Gamlingay Wood (3), Haddenham (2), Little Wilbraham Fen, Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits (2), Nene Washes (3), Soham, Sugely Wood, Wicken Fen (maximum 4 males and 3 females) and Woodwalton Fen (2).

**Barn Owl** *reported from* Aldreth, Burwell Fen, Haddenham and Wicken Fen (2).

**Little Owl** *reported from* Burwell Fen, Reach and Wicken Fen.

**Tawny Owl** *reported from* Wicken Fen.

**Long-eared Owl** Wicken Fen (several records).

**Swift** Burwell Fen (15+ on 2<sup>nd</sup>) – main arrival seems to have been around 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> for example at Grafham Water (400+ on 9<sup>th</sup> and 700+ on 11<sup>th</sup>) and Paxton Pits (c80 on 11<sup>th</sup>). Other high counts: Ouse Washes (110 on 24<sup>th</sup>).

**Kingfisher** *reported from* Berry Fen (3), Chippenham Fen (a juvenile was caught and ringed on the 21<sup>st</sup>), Haddenham, Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits (2) and Wicken Fen.

### ***Falcons and parrots***

**Hobby** *reported from- maxima in brackets:* Abington/Granta Park (one found dead on 7<sup>th</sup>), Berry Fen, Burwell Fen, Cambourne, Cam Washes, Fen Drayton Lakes, Haddenham, Little Wilbraham Fen (2), Nene Washes/March Farmers, Eldernell (2), Ouse Fen (4), Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits (3), Waterbeach, Wicken Fen (9) and Woodwalton Fen (3).





**Peregrine** *reported from* Flag Fen, Nene Washes/March Farmers, Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits and Wicken Fen.  
**Ring-necked Parakeet\*** Ouse Washes (10<sup>th</sup>).

### **Corvids**

**Raven** Barton/Countryside Restoration Trust (CRT) (5<sup>th</sup>).

### **Crests, tits and larks**

**Bearded Tit** *reported from* Wicken Fen (bred).

**Skylark** Comberton/Westfield Farm (19 on 14<sup>th</sup>).

### **Hirundines, long-tailed tit and warblers**

**House Martin** Grafham Water (150+ on 11<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (c40 on 11<sup>th</sup>).

**Cetti's Warbler** *reported from – maxima in brackets:* Cambridge Research Park, Nene Washes (4), Ouse Washes, Paxton Pits (3), Wicken Fen (11) and Woodwalton Fen (2).

**Garden Warbler** Castor Hanglands (25 singing on 5<sup>th</sup>).

**Whitethroat** *farmland counts* Barton CRT (13 on 5<sup>th</sup>), Comberton/Westfield Farm (18 on 14<sup>th</sup>).

**Grasshopper Warbler** *reported from* Castor Hanglands (2), Little Wilbraham Fen, Nene Washes, Paxton Pits, Wicken Fen (7) and Woodwalton Fen.

### **Spotted Flycatcher and Nightingale**

**Spotted Flycatcher** *reported from* Lode (14<sup>th</sup>), Woodwalton Fen (2 on 14<sup>th</sup>) – first of the year, Hardwick Wood (pair on 15<sup>th</sup>), Haddenham (pair on 15<sup>th</sup>) and Hayley Wood (3 on 26<sup>th</sup>).

**Nightingale** *reported from* Castor Hanglands (24 singing on 5<sup>th</sup>), Fen Drayton Lakes (2), Paxton Pits (2), Wicken Fen and Woodwalton Fen.

### **Starts and chats**

**Redstart** Wicken Fen (8<sup>th</sup>).

**Whinchat** Paxton Pits (3<sup>rd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>), Little Wilbraham Fen (7<sup>th</sup>), Grafham Water (7<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (male on 12<sup>th</sup>), Knapwell RSPB (14<sup>th</sup>).

**Stonechat** Burwell Fen (23<sup>rd</sup>).

**Wheatear** Ferry Meadows CP (1<sup>st</sup>), Flag Fen (4<sup>th</sup>), Nene Washes (single on 4<sup>th</sup>, 4 at March Farmers on 5<sup>th</sup>, a single on 13<sup>th</sup> then 3 on 14<sup>th</sup>), Little Wilbraham Fen (2 on 7<sup>th</sup>), Tubney Fen (7<sup>th</sup>), Paxton Pits (7<sup>th</sup>), Whittlesey (2 on 10<sup>th</sup>), Wicken Fen (12<sup>th</sup>), Knapwell RSPB (14<sup>th</sup>).

## ***Sparrows, wagtails and pipits***

**Tree Sparrow** Farcet Fen (bred).

**Grey Wagtail** *reported from* Cambridge (3 pairs along the Cam) and Grafham Water.

**Pied Wagtail** White Wagtail (*alba*) Grafham Water (25<sup>th</sup>).

**Tree Pipit** Knapwell RSPB (flyover on 14<sup>th</sup>).

**Rock Pipit** Paxton Pits (12<sup>th</sup>).

## ***Finches***

**Linnet** Comberton/Westfield Farm (17 on 14<sup>th</sup>).

## ***Exotica***

**Baikal Teal** Ouse Washes (a drake on 1<sup>st</sup>).

**Ross's Goose** Wicken Fen (several dates).

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Long-tailed Tits from John Gould's *Birds of Great Britain*

## *Wicken Fen Group ringing in May*

There were netting sessions at the Fen on 12 different days in May. The month's ringing total was 512, (including nestlings) a further 143 birds were retrapped, so the overall total of birds handled in the month was 655. The first figure below is the ringing total, the second is the retraps. Individual species totals were:

Water Rail	1, 0	Reed Warbler	27, 19
Stock Dove	2, 0	Whitethroat	3, 0
Woodpigeon	1, 0	Blackcap	15, 8
Cuckoo	1, 0	Chiffchaff	22, 11
Barn Owl	11, 0	Bearded Tit	8, 2
Kingfisher	3, 1	Long-tailed Tit	11, 5
Great spotted Woodpecker	0, 1	Blue Tit	207, 12
Yellow Wagtail	1, 0	Great Tit	109, 13
Pied Wagtail	1, 0	Tree Creeper	0, 4
Wren	15, 15	Jay	0, 2
Duncock	5, 7	Jackdaw	7, 0
Robin	16, 5	Chaffinch	0, 6
Nightingale	1, 0	Goldfinch	1, 0
Blackbird	9, 4	Linnet	4, 0
Song Thrush	3, 2	Bullfinch	1, 5
Cetti's Warbler	0, 10	Reed Bunting	13, 2
Sedge Warbler	14, 9		

Old birds retrapped during the month were:

Jay DA12893 - 7 years, 6 months,

Cetti's Warbler T941212 - 7 years 1 month,

Chaffinch X077047 - 5 years 8 months,

Reed Warbler X078584 and Great Tit X077956 - both 4 years 10 months.

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## *Outdoor meetings*



Friday 11th July, (7:30pm)

RSPB Grange (Hope) Farm, Knapwell

Meet at 7 pm for a guided walk with Ian Dillon.

In 1999 the RSPB bought Hope Farm, a conventional arable farm with the aim to develop farming techniques that produce food cost-effectively and benefit wildlife at the same time. By 2010, farmland bird numbers had more than doubled.

For information on Hope Farm, see: <http://www.rspb.org.uk/ourwork/projects/details/255987-hope-farm>

Places are limited so please book by contacting [Vicki Harley](#)

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***Next E-bulletin due on July 15<sup>th</sup>***

Any contributions to reach me by the 9<sup>th</sup> please.