

Sorby-Breck Ringing Group

March 2008 Newsletter

*"To provide data from ringing activities to support the conservation and knowledge of bird species in Derbyshire and South Yorkshire."*

TREE SPARROWS AT GRANGE FARM 2007

Nest boxes were installed at the end of March and the beginning of April.

There was no artificial feeding.

The first young were ringed on the 5.5.07

8 nest boxes were used in the year

4 had 1 brood and 20 eggs were laid. 11 young were ringed 50%.5 were at the nest hole and too large to ring, so assumed to have fledged. Total 16 live young fledged/80%

3 had 2 broods 24 eggs laid. 16 live young ringed and fledged/66%

1 had 4 broods. 20 eggs laid. Last clutch of 5 eggs hatched, but died within a few days. 12 young were ringed and fledged 60%. The same bird was found at the nest sitting with both first and third broods. Ring number TC04483

Bird ring number TH94492 was found dead at nest with 2<sup>nd</sup> brood of three eggs 30.07.07. The first brood was ringed 28.06.07

Total of 67 eggs laid. 44 young fledged. 39 were ringed. Live young 65%.

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Monthly Species Totals February 2008

	Jan 2008	Feb 2008				Total 2008	Jan-Feb 2007
Mute Swan	13	6				19	151
Greylag Goose	3	1				4	3
Greater Canada Goose	5	12				17	8
Teal	1	1				2	
Mallard		1				1	2
Sparrowhawk	1	1				2	2
Kestrel	1					1	
Moorhen	1	1				2	2

	Jan 2008	Feb 2008				Total 2008	Jan- Feb 2007
Coot	9	1				10	1
Jack Snipe		1				1	
Snipe		4				4	4
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1					1	3
Meadow Pipit		2				2	
Grey Wagtail		7				7	
Pied Wagtail	102	39				141	179
Dipper	1					1	
Wren	7	10				17	20
Dunnock	3	21				24	53
Robin	15	19				34	38
Blackbird	15	36				51	52
Song Thrush	3	1				4	7
Redwing							7
Mistle Thrush		1				1	
Goldcrest	7	9				16	21
Long-tailed Tit	12	33				45	84
Marsh Tit	1	2				3	1
Willow Tit		2				2	6
Coal Tit	56	21				77	30
Blue Tit	113	33				146	269
Great Tit	73	37				110	133
Nuthatch	2					2	5
Treecreeper	4	4				8	4
Jay							5
Magpie		1				1	
Jackdaw							1
Starling	2					2	8
House Sparrow	1	4				5	7
Tree Sparrow	2	3				5	10
Chaffinch	36	54				90	113
Brambling	2	1				3	
Greenfinch	14	8				22	34
Goldfinch	38	5				43	43
Siskin	12	14				26	2
Lesser Redpoll	1					1	35
Bullfinch	10	15				25	9
Yellowhammer							6
Reed Bunting		2				2	18
Grand Total	567	413				980	1376
Total Species	34	37				43	38

## RECENTLY REPORTED RINGING RECOVERIES AND SIGHTINGS

### Mute Swan

W19037	03/12/2006	3	Rother Valley CP, S Yorks (GPM)	
	27/01/2007	R	Shardlow Marina, Derbys	52km, 55days
ZZ9562	27/03/2007	8F	Doncaster Dome, S Yorks (DNS)	
	10/10/2007	VV	Potteric Carr, Doncaster	1km, 197days With 5 young
ZZ9623	14/05/2007	6F	Appleton Roebuck, N Yorks (DNS)	

	25/10/2007	XF	Acomb, York, N Yorks	12km, 164days
ZZ5503	17/08/2007	3	Thornes Park, Wakefield, W Yorks (DNS)	
	14/11/2007	XF	Bishopthorpe, N Yorks	39km, 89days <i>Decapitated</i>
ZZ5505	17/08/2007	3	Thornes Park, Wakefield, W Yorks (DNS)	
	15/11/2007	XF	York	44km, 90days <i>Decapitated</i>
ZZ5570	30/08/2007	3	Askern, S Yorks (DNS)	
	16/11/2007	A	Askern, S Yorks	0km, 78days <i>landed in yard, fate unknown</i>

Are the recoveries of ZZ5503 and ZZ5505 a macabre coincidence?

#### **Pochard**

DA262819	14/11/2006	3F	Le Bonhomme, Loire Atlantique, FRANCE	
	14/09/2007	+F	Near Welbeck, Notts	692km, 304days <i>Found shot</i>

#### **Black-headed Gull**

6415539	18/06/2005	7	Pildammsparken, Malmo, Skane, SWEDEN	
	24/02/2008	VV	Thrybergh CP, S Yorks	952km, 2yrs 281dys <i>The second individual from this Swedish colony sighted at Thrybergh</i>

#### **Common Tern**

99Z21301	07/04/2005	6	La Somone, SENEGAL	
	18/05/2005	VV	Thrybergh CP, S Yorks	4550km, 41days <i>Belated details received from Belgium, but another excellent sighting from Thrybergh</i>

#### **Swallow**

V688663	29/07/2007	1	Elmton, Derbys (HV)	
	22/09/2007	R	Icklesham, Sussex	293km, 55days
V688764	07/08/2007	1	Gildingwells, S Yorks (HV)	
	22/09/2007	R	Icklesham, Sussex	300km, 36days
V688972	01/09/2007	1	Gildingwells, S Yorks (HV)	
	05/10/2007	R	Icklesham, Sussex	300km, 34days

#### **Grey Wagtail**

V452660	03/05/2007	1	Miller's Dale, Derbys	
	20/10/2007	R	Dungworth, S Yorks (KG)	22km, 170days

#### **Robin**

P577738	02/06/2004	3J	Rivelin Valley, Sheffield (JCE)	
	15/12/2007	R	Light Oaks, Staffs	51km, 3yrs 196days

#### **Blue Tit**

V317524	28/10/2006	3	Williamthorpe, Derbys (DA)	
	23/12/2007	R	Renishaw Park, Derbys (JS)	14km, 1yr 56days
T210648	23/06/2007	3J	Holdworth, Sheffield (SS)	
	08/10/2007	X	Onesacre, Oughtibridge, S Yorks	3km, 107days <i>found in flue of central heating</i>

#### **House Sparrow**

TH94450	16/06/2007	3J	Cowers Lane, Belper, Derbys (BS)	
	24/10/2007	XL	Cowers Lane, Belper, Derbys	0km, 130days

*skeleton found by 'Sam'*

TH94123	23/07/2007	1	Lundy Island, Devon	
	22/09/2007	XF	Lundy Island, Devon	0km, 61days <i>taken by cat</i>

**Greenfinch**

TH94562	07/10/2007	3	Ramsley Res, Derbys (JS)	
	29/10/2007	XF	Brinsley, Notts	32km, 22days

**Siskin**

V130463	12/04/2006	4F	Dronfield, Derbys (DA)	
	24/11/2007	R	Renishaw Park, Derbys (SA)	9km, 1 yr 226days

**Lesser Redpoll**

T625438	05/05/2007	5M	Barbrook Plantation, Derbys (JH)	
	27/10/2007	R	Dinton Pastures, Hurst, Reading	210km, 175days
V796207	08/09/2007	3	Greystoke Forest, Cumbria	
	06/10/2007	R	Agden, S Yorks (PL)	164km, 28days
V806724	07/10/2007	3	Ramsley Res, Derbys (JS)	
	30/10/2007	R	Sandwich Bay Estate, Kent	301km, 23days
V806777	18/10/2007	3	Ramsley Res, Derbys (AH)	
	27/10/2007	R	Agden, S Yorks (PL)	19km, 9days

T625438 provides an interesting recovery of a local-breeding bird moving south in autumn.

V796207 and V806274 provide a clue to the source and destination of the notable influx of Redpolls into our area in October 2007.

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