



Yellow-browed Warbler Stanford Reservoir 12th October 2015

Adam Homer and I (Mick Townsend) arrived before dawn on Monday 12th October to erect nets to catch the last few warblers passing through Stanford Reservoir at this time of year. Naturally, with large numbers of birds reported on the east coast, we were hoping for something unusual, and we were not disappointed!

Reasonable numbers of birds during the morning kept us busy and at 8:00am we approached the feeder nets to be greeted with a good number of birds caught. Emptying the nets from both sides as usual I reached a small warbler and instantly knew it was a Yellow-browed Warbler. I called Adam over as it was on his side of the net to extract. Paul Riddle was then summoned to take some pictures as he was nearby.

We carried on extracting the birds from the nets before returning to our base to process the birds caught. Shortly after we started ringing the birds, Paul arrived so we then processed the Yellow-browed Warbler. Adam ringed the bird and took all the measurements needed before release. The bird had a wing length of 58mm and a weight of 7.0g suggesting the bird was almost certainly a male.

This is the second Yellow-browed Warbler caught at Stanford Reservoir, the first being on 7th October 2010. It's actually the 3rd caught by Stanford Ringing Group as we found the first for Northamptonshire at Naseby Reservoir back on 18th October 1981.

