

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 8th – 9th JANUARY 2018

WE had eight nets up on the afternoons of the 8th and 9th January, on both days the weather cold and overcast, more so on the 9th. The week before the whole island was flooded up over parts of the boardwalk and there were still puddles around and larger areas of standing water. During the time on the Island no rats were seen but the squirrels are in evidence and were feeding on peanuts and fastballs.

There were not a lot of Bluet Tits and Great Tits caught but the re-traps included some ringed in January 2015 However there were an unusually high number of Blackbirds most of which were continental ones as the colouring was slightly different and they were larger. It would be interesting to have some controlled.

The bird of the day was a juvenile Grey Wagtail caught by the Holt. It was also good to catch two Redwings and four Goldcrests. There seemed to be large numbers of the latter

As well as the squirrels a Red Kite was seen

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Grey Wagtail		1			1
Wren		1	3		4
Dunnock			2	2	4
Goldcrest		2		2	4
Robin			1		1
Blackbird	4	5	1	1	11
Redwing	1	1			2
Long tailed Tit	3		9		12
Blue Tit		2	1	3	6
Great Tit				4	4
Reed Bunting	1				1
Chaffinch	1				1
Goldfinch	2				2
Total	12	12	17	12	53



Grey Wagtail