

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 9TH MARCH 2018

This was a short session from 7am till 2 pm using five sites on a day that was still, cold but pleasant until about 3pm when it started to drizzle.

It was nice to catch a good number of adult re-traps including a Goldfinch and Reed Bunting. The numbers of Blue Tits and Great Tits has increased, one Blue Tit was noted prospecting in box 5.

We had two birds with illnesses, one a Chaffinch with very bad lesions on its legs and the other a Great Tit with a large growth next to its beak. This has developed fast as it was re-trapped in January this year when it had no growth.

One of the re-trapped Great Tits was originally ringed as an adult in January 2015 and is at least five years old. It has been re-trapped ten times now!

A lot of birds were singing and proclaiming territories, both Green and Great Spotted Woodpeckers were vocal as were Goldfinches, Reed Buntings and Robins.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	1		2		3
Dunnock			4	1	5
Robin			4		4
Song Thrush	1	1			2
Long tailed Tit	1		3		4
Blue Tit		1	4	2	7
Great Tit			2	4	6
Reed Bunting	1	4	1		6
Chaffinch	4		1		5
Goldfinch			1		1
Total	8	6	22	7	43