

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 3 – 4 July 2017

The weather was warm, some sun but still and ideal for ringing. We had our largest catch to date on the Island. The great majority of birds were juveniles and of these about 50% were Blue Tits and Great Tits. There were also good numbers of young Robins and Dunnocks. A lot of young Song Thrushes were seen during the day on various parts of the Island, they seem to be making a recovery from the very low numbers that there were.

The numbers of Warblers were a little disappointing partly as we were not able to ring in the large reed bed. The amount of goose grass has exploded and is making putting nets up difficult in several places. We did catch 10 Blackcaps.

We did catch a number of Blue Tits and Great Tits that were ringed in nest boxes including 4No. from box 10, 2No. from box 12 and 2No. from box 22. Although the nest boxes were not as successful as they have been, the great Tits in particular have bred in good numbers.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1				1
Wren		3			3
Dunnock		10	1	5	16
Reed warbler		2	2		4
Blackcap		8	1	1	10
Robin		6	1	2	9
Blackbird		5		1	6
Song Thrush		3		1	4
Blue Tit		16	2	7	25
Great Tit		17	3	11	31
Reed Bunting		1			1
Chaffinch		3			3
Bullfinch	1		1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>74</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>115</b>

As well as the birds we also saw the Muntjac, fox and squirrels and a large number of butterflies including Large White, Small White, Orange Tip, Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Meadow Brown and Speckled Wood. There were also good numbers of Dragonflies and Damselflies.