

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 26TH – 27TH SEPTEMBER 2018

The weather was generally sunny and calm so ideal for ringing. We caught so many Great Tits and Blue Tits on the first day that we were unable to put up all the nets until dusk. The Blue Tits in particular came in groups of 8 - 10 with 50% un-ringed, in spite of all that were ringed last month.

There were two birds we ringed in January 2015 which we re-trapped, a Robin and a Blue Tit. One of the Blackbirds we caught was a continental bird, a juvenile female which was still partially moulting its upper body feathers but had very mottled breast feathers.

We noted a number of Red Admiral and Speckled Wood butterflies and many dragonflies.

Species	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	1		1	2
Dunnock	3	2	3	8
Robin		4		4
Blackbird		2	1	3
Long tailed Tit		2		2
Blue Tit	18	3	17	38
Great Tit	6	2	10	18
Chaffinch	3			3
Total	31	15	32	78

Recently a Blue Tit we ringed in February this year was caught and released near Saffron Walden by another ringing group, it had travelled 39 km



Juvenile Continental Blackbird with aberrant feather colouring. The head feathers are the un-moulted juvenile feathers



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