

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 17TH & 18TH OCTOBER 2018

The weather was overcast but still so ideal for ringing. Again we had a large catch of Blue Tits and Great Tits, including two Great Tits from box 8. The numbers of new Great Tits and Blue Tits this year seems greater than previous years, but with the new ringing programme it is not possible to get the statistics yet. Hopefully it won't be long before they are available.

We heard a number of Chiffchaffs calling but only caught one. They must be moving along the River slowly on their migration.

We caught two birds ringed on 25th January 2015, a Robin and a Blue Tit. It was also nice to catch two Reed Buntings one of which was ringed in July this year

We had a large audience with Steve Moller's and his sister Sheila and brother in law Fred Martin; Brian Marsh and also had help from George Morris, for which many thanks.

Species	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	2	1	5	8
Dunnock	4		4	8
Chiffchaff	1			1
Robin		2	2	4
Blackbird	2	2	2	6
Long tailed Tit		2		2
Blue Tit	5	4	12	21
Great Tit	9	1	19	29
Reed Bunting	1	1		2
Chaffinch	2			2
Total	26	13	44	83



Juvenile Reed Bunting. Photo by Brian Marsh

Juvenile Chaffinch. Photo by Sue Limentani