

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND ON 12TH JULY 2019

The weather was damp to begin with, and overcast but later it brightened up. This was a short early morning catch with only five nets.

The main aim was to catch warblers and this was successful in that 50% of the catch was warblers. At a number of local sites the number of Reed Warbler caught has been very low with very few juveniles, but today 12 Reed Warblers were caught of which six were juveniles, a further five were newly adults. This is surprising. One thought is that the reed bed is getting clogged with goose grass and more are nesting close to the Back Water, an area we do not net?

There were a number of butterflies in evidence especially the Meadow Brown, also some Small White and the odd Large White, but also Commers and Red Admirals. Banded Demoiselle and Common Blue Damselflies were also seen.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		1			1
Dunnock		2	1		3
Sedge Warbler		1	1		2
Reed Warbler	5	6	1		12
Blackcap		4			4
Robin		1			1
Blackbird		1			1
Blue Tit		4	1		5
Great Tit		4		1	5
Total	5	24	4	1	34

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