

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 29TH & 30TH July 2019

The weather on 29th was dry after some significant rain the day before and on 30th it was dry but towards the end of the session the wind was beginning to pick up. Both sessions were with six nets from dawn till 9.00am. The aim was to catch some warblers, which was successful in that four species were caught with good numbers of juvenile Reed Warblers and Blackcaps.

One of the Blackcaps that was caught was ringed on the Island in June 2014 as an adult, so is at least six years old.

There seem to be more Reed Warblers breeding in other parts of the Island than the reed bed. There seem to be several families along the backwater.

Two great Tits were re-trapped from box 10 and two from box 22.

A Sparrow hawk seems to be breeding at the east end of the Island and a young bird can often be heard calling there.

A number of butterflies were seen including Large and Small White, Meadow Brown, Peacock and Red Admiral. Large numbers of Common Darter dragonflies were seen as well as Azure damselflies.

29th July Catch

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		2			2
Dunnock		2			2
Sedge Warbler		1			1
Reed Warbler	2	4	1		7
Blackcap		2	2		4
Robin				1	1
Long tailed Tit		3	1	1	5
Blue Tit		12		4	16
Great Tit		5		9	14
Reed Bunting		1			1
Total	2	32	4	15	53

30th July Catch

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		2	1		3
Dunnock				1	1
Reed Warbler		6		1	7
Garden Warbler		1			1
Blackcap		4			4
Long tailed Tit				2	2
Blue Tit		4		5	9
Great Tit		1		5	6
Total		18	1	14	33

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