

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 2<sup>ND</sup> & 3<sup>RD</sup> OCTOBER 2019

Autumn has arrived, the weather was warm and sunny but quickly turned chilly on 2<sup>nd</sup> October. The next day was cold overcast and very damp hardly warming up by midday. The catch was considerable with two flocks of tits on the first day and a steady catch at other times.

Having ringed a reasonable number of this year's Blue Tits and Great Tits we were surprised at the number of new birds that were caught. This amounted to 50 Blue Tits and 34 Great Tits, however a number of last year's birds were also caught suggesting that different tits visit the reserve at different times of the year. Most seem to stay for a few months and move on, so far it would seem not very far, ie. to the nearby villages. We recently had a recovery of a dead Great Tit in Hemingford Abbots which was ringed in July 2017. Another Great Tit was originally ringed from nesting box 10 this year.

A Chiffchaff was caught and several were heard. Other birds heard on the Reserve were Green Woodpecker and Great Spotted Woodpecker, Sparrow hawk, a flock of Long-tailed Tits and a number of Goldcrests.

Also seen were a Red Admiral and a number of Muntjac.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	1	1	1		3
Dunnock		5		1	6
Chiffchaff		1			1
Goldcrest		1			1
Robin		1			1
Blackbird	2	1	1		4
Long-tailed Tit		1			1
Blue Tit	3	27	9	11	50
Great Tit	1	17	6	10	34
Tree creeper		1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>56</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>102</b>

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