

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 13<sup>TH</sup> & 15<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

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The morning was bright and still, but there was not much moving as the humidity was high and a lot of dew on the vegetation. The evening before there were a number of warblers in the reed bed flying up 4 – 5 metres catching insects and dropping back into the reed bed. Many of the young Reed Warblers have barring on the tail feather caused by days when food was scarce while in the nest.

Very few juvenile Blackcaps and Reed Warblers were caught, but it was nice to catch a juvenile Whitethroat which suggests they bred nearby. Also nice to catch the juvenile Bullfinches

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		1			1
Duncock		5	2	2	9
Sedge Warbler			1	3	4
Reed Warbler		2	2	1	5
Blackcap	1	1	1		3
Whitethroat		1			1
Chiffchaff		1			1
Robin		3			3
Blackbird		1	1		2
Blue Tit			1	1	2
Great Tit				2	2
Bullfinch		2			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>35</b>

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The morning started sunny but deteriorated so there was some drizzle by 11am.

The juvenile Kingfisher was in good condition. The adults are now in full moult with many wing feathers missing, again there was an absence of Blackcaps and few Reed Warblers. It will be interesting to see if they have left already or are just sitting tight and not moving.

Species	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Kingfisher	1			1
Wren	1			1
Duncock	1			1
Sedge Warbler		1	1	2
Reed Warbler	1	1	3	5
Robin	1			1
Blackbird	2			2
Long tailed Tit		1		1
Blue Tit	4	2	5	11
Great Tit	2		3	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>30</b>

In addition we saw Red Admirals, Small White, Small Tortoiseshell and Meadow Brown butterflies, Black tailed Skimmer, Brown Hawker Dragonflies, Blue tailed Damselflies and Common Blur Damselflies. There was also a large cluster of Buff tip moth caterpillars on a Willow branch about to pupate.



Juvenile Kingfisher



Juvenile Bullfinch



Black tailed Skimmer



Meadow Grasshopper



Buff tip moth catapillars

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