

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 21 AND 22 MARCH 2021

The weather was mostly overcast and cold but there was a little sun on the first afternoon. The catch was small but with some interest in the re-traps.

No warblers have yet returned to the Island but an overwintering Cetti's Warbler was re-trapped. A late Redwing was caught, which must be about to return north.

The plants which were under water a short time ago are growing fast and the Blue Tits are getting yellow faces from foraging in the pussy willow flowers.

We had many more adult birds re-trapped than first years some of them had been ringed several years ago including a Blue Tit from August 2018, a Robin and a Dunnock from 2017, a Reed Bunting and a Blackbird from 2016 and a Blue Tit ringed on 15 August 2014 and caught 30 times subsequently.

As well as birds we saw Squirrels including black ones and a Mink which is not good news. There was also a dead fox, a young one and there are footprints of Muntjac all over the Island.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First years	Total
Wren				1	1
Dunnock		2	2		
Cetti's Warbler			1		1
Goldcrest		1			1
Robin		1	2	2	5
Blackbird	2		2		4
Redwing		1			1
Blue Tit			3	1	4
Great Tit			1	1	2
Reed Bunting		1	1	1	3
Chaffinch	1				1
Total	3	6	12	6	27



Redwing

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