

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 7TH- 8TH MARCH 2021

The weather was clear and bright on the afternoon of the 7th but overcast on the 8th, both days were still. The Island has started to dry out and the fresh growth is beginning to appear. At this time of year we usually start to get fewer first year birds and more adult birds, it has been more marked this year following the floods and a cold snap, many first year birds have succumbed and died. However the number of Blackbirds on the Island is very high as reflected in the numbers caught. There are also good numbers of Robins and Song Thrushes.

The percentage of re-traps is very high (about 75%) suggesting a loyalty to the site in spite of the floods.

The two Cetti's Warblers were ones ringed last September that have remained through the winter, it would be nice if they bred here.

One of the Robins was caught for the 27th time having been ringed in September 2015, two of the Reed Buntings were ringed April 2018 and the Tree creeper was ringed in September 2019

While on the Island we also heard or saw Greenfinch and Pheasant.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
Dunnock				4	4
Cetti's Warbler			2		2
Goldcrest	1				1
Robin			2	2	4
Blackbird	3		5	1	9
Song Thrush				2	2
Long tailed Tit			2		2
Coal Tit	1	1			2
Blue Tit		1	5	2	8
Great Tit				1	1
Tree creeper			1		1
Reed Bunting		1	3		4
Chaffinch	2				2
Total	7	3	20	12	42



Cetti's Warbler



Reed Buntings



Coal Tit