

RINGING AT HOLT ISLAND 25TH & 26TH MARCH 2018

The weather was fine and still but a little on the cold side. We had a good catch with a lot of variety and still high numbers of re-traps. A significant number of these were from 2014 and early 2015.

We had more Reed Buntings than usual, many were in the large reed bed and five out of the nine were re-traps so a regular population using the site. We also caught a lot of Blackbirds. Most of these were new birds including one which was a larger continental one.

Finally we caught one new species, a Moorhen, they are beautiful birds close up.

While on the Island we saw a Pheasant, 2 Great Crested Grebes and a Dabchick. We also saw several Small Tortoiseshell butterflies and a Peacock. Fungi found included Coral spot disease, *Nectia cinnabarina* and a cup fungus *Peziza* sp. on a branch.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Moorhen	1				1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1				1
Wren	1	1	1		3
Dunnock			9		9
Robin			6		6
Blackbird	4	4	2		10
Song Thrush			1	1	2
Long-tailed Tit			5		5
Blue Tit		2	6	3	11
Great Tit	1	1	2	2	6
Tree Creeper			1		1
Reed Bunting	1	3	3	2	9
Chaffinch	3				3
Goldfinch	1	1			2
Total	13	12	36	8	69



Moorhen

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