

## Ringling on Holt Island 18 – 19 November 2017

The weather was cold and still, overnight temperatures went down below freezing and the nets were rather white in the morning. Due to the rats no feeding has taken place at the feeding stations recently, only peanuts and water. Partly due to the lack of feeding there were many fewer Blue Tits and Great Tits about, but the catches at this time of year can often be low.

However it was nice to catch two Goldcrests, one of which was ringed on the Island in May and also a Great Spotted Woodpecker. We also caught a Blackbird ringed in our garden in March 2015, re-trapped there again in 2016. One of the Blue Tits was ringed on the Island in August 2014.

While on the Island we saw two Mistle Thrushes, several parties of Long-tailed Tits, at least two Great Spotted Woodpeckers and a Green Woodpecker. Several parties of Goldfinches flew over and a Kingfisher was seen by the bridge to the Scouts pool.

We saw many squirrels, no rats and one mouse.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Great Spotted Woodpecker		1			1
Wren		3	1	2	6
Dunnock			1	2	3
Goldcrest		1	1		2
Robin			2		2
Blackbird		1	2		3
Song Thrush		1			1
Blue Tit	1	1	3	2	7
Great Tit	1			8	9
<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>34</b>

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