

## Ringling on Holt Island 11<sup>th</sup> January 2019

The weather was generally overcast but with no wind. Only five nets were used and these caught mainly Blue Tits and Great Tits, One of the Blue Tits was ringed in January 2015 as a first year, some have been caught up to 16 times. It seems that most of those ringed move out during the breeding season but return in August or in the winter months due mainly to the regular food supply, their weight bearing this out as most are on the high side of 10 gms or even 11 gms. We have had birds come from Wyton Bomb Dump, Madingley Wood and have had a one go as far as Wenden Lofts, Essex which suggests that they are not quite as sedentary as they are made out to be.

The catch of the day was a first year female Sparrow hawk along with her lunch which was not recognisable as it was half eaten and only the lower part remained which had been completely plucked and the ends of its legs removed, probably a Blackbird. She was a beautiful bird and still had the characteristic heart shaped markings on some of the breast feathers.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	TOTAL
Sparrow hawk		1			1
Wren		1			1
Dunnoek			1	1	2
Robin				1	1
Blackbird	1				1
Long tailed Tit	2				2
Coal Tit				1	1
Blue Tit	1	4	6	10	21
Great Tit	3	6	4	7	20
Chaffinch	1	1			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>52</b>



Female Sparrow hawk, right blinking one eye,