

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 19 - 20TH MARCH 2019

The weather was mostly overcast and fairly cold, there was some sun at the very beginning of the 19th March when we saw at least three Brimstone butterflies together, and probably others elsewhere on the Island.

The catch was not great in number but good in quality. The birds were not using the feeders and appear to have set up territories so were not moving around greatly also the winter influx was no longer present. The birds that were caught were often in pairs or were looking for a mate.

We re-trapped a Robin and a Dunnock that were ringed in 2015.

Early in the morning of 20th we heard at least two Cranes flying over Hemingford Meadows making their distinctive call.

Blue Tit and Great Tit numbers are much reduced as they seem to have set up territories. There was a male Sparrow hawk seen.

Species	New Adults(4 & 6)	New First Years (5)	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Totals
Wren			1	2	3
Dunnock			4		4
Goldcrest			2		2
Robin			2	1	3
Blackbird	1				1
Long tailed Tit	1		3		4
Blue Tit			2	3	5
Tree creeper		2			2
Reed Bunting		2		1	3
Chaffinch	1				1
Goldfinch	1				1
Total	4	4	14	7	29



Female Goldcrest



Male Goldcrest

