

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND IN APRIL

This note covers two short sessions on 8<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> April and a longer session on 23/24<sup>th</sup> April. On each occasion the weather was sunny and bright with very little wind it was also very hot.

The warblers are returning with the Blackcap and Chiffchaff being present at the beginning of the month and the Reed and Sedge Warblers arriving about 20<sup>th</sup> April. We had some nice re-traps with a Blackcap ringed on 8<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and caught most years on the Island. A Reed Warbler from 2018, a Reed Bunting for 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016 and a Robin from 25<sup>th</sup> September 2015

Large numbers of butterflies were seen particularly Holly Blue, Orange Tip, and Peacock, with smaller numbers of Brimstone, Small Tortoiseshell, Comma and Speckled Wood. There were also a number of Hornets on the Island.

Species	New Adults (4 & 6)	New First Years (5)	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
<b>8 and 11 April</b>					
Wren			1		1
Dunnock			3		3
Blackcap	3	2			5
Chiffchaff		1		1	2
Blackbird	1		1		2
Blue Tit			1	2	3
Great Tit	1		1		2
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>18</b>

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
<b>23/24 April</b>					
Wren				1	1
Dunnock			1	2	3
Sedge Warbler	2				2
Reed Warbler			1		1
Blackcap	1	3	3		7
Robin			2		2
Blackbird			2		2
Song Thrush				1	1
Long tailed Tit			2		2
Blue Tit			1	5	6
Great Tit				1	1
Reed Bunting			2	1	3
Chaffinch			1		1
Goldfinch	2	1			3
<b>Total</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>

During 23 and 24 April a Corn Bunting was heard singing on the river side of the reserve.

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