

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 16th MAY 2020

Having received permission to ring on the Island from the BTO and HDC I was able to restart ringing and a cold but sunny day with little wind. There were plenty of different birds singing early in the morning including Greenfinch, Goldfinch, Corn Bunting, Reed Bunting and Song Thrush. The catch reflected the season with good numbers of warblers of five species. The Blue Tits were the most numerous of the species caught as usual.

One of the Blackcaps was ringed as an adult in June 2014 and has been caught each year except 2016.

The Reed and Sedge Warblers have only recently arrived and are just starting to nest, some of the Sedge Warblers are singing along the Back Water as well as in the reed bed. Two of the Sedge Warblers were ringed in 2017 and have returned each year since. The Reed Warblers were all ringed last year.

There were a few butterflies including Peacock, Small white and Holly Blue; also there were a number of damselflies including Banded Demoiselle and Common Blue.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
Wren		1			1
Dunnock			2		2
Sedge Warbler	3		5		8
Reed Warbler	3		3		6
Garden Warbler	1				1
Blackcap	3		2		5
Chiffchaff	1	1			2
Goldcrest	1				1
Robin	1		2		3
Blackbird			2		2
Blue Tit		1	8	3	12
Great Tit			3	3	6
Tree creeper				1	1
Total	13	3	27	7	50



Garden Warbler