

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 26-27 May 2020

The days were cool but still in the early morning, the nets were in use from dawn till 10.00am each day. There was a very varied catch but mainly aimed at catching warblers which was successful. About 30% were re-traps from mainly last year and the year before. There seem to be very good numbers of Blackcap and Reed Warbler with about four pairs of Sedge Warblers, and at least two pairs of Garden Warbler .

On the 27th May morning a Cuckoo moved along the river from the Houghton direction and stopped in the reed bed for a while, almost getting caught. In the late afternoon Nigel saw one in the Meadow which then headed off west. It would be nice to have them breeding in the reserve.

The nest boxes are beginning to have the fledglings leave and there are some small groups of Blue Tits around. There are also young Long-tailed Tits, Dunnocks and plenty of Robins.

Also seen were Red Admiral, Orange tip butterflies and a Speckled Wood. Common Blue Damselflies and Banded Demoiselles were in abundance, Crane flies were also present and a Hornet.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Total
Wren			4	4
Dunnock		1	1	2
Sedge Warbler	1		5	6
Reed Warbler	7		5	12
Garden Warbler	3			3
Blackcap	10		2	12
Chiffchaff	1			1
Robin		6		6
Blackbird	1		5	6
Song Thrush	1		1	2
Long tailed Tit		1	1	2
Blue Tit			10	10
Great Tit	1		3	4
Tree creeper			2	2
Reed Bunting	1			1
Greenfinch	1			1
Total	27	8	39	74



Greenfinch and Reed Bunting