

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 14TH – 16TH JUNE 2020

The weather in this period was dry, mild and still with quite a lot of sun except on 16th June when the morning was humid and overcast. Nets were set up on Sunday afternoon and ringing took place on that afternoon when 62 birds were caught, Monday morning from dawn till 10am when 68 birds were caught and similarly on Tuesday morning when 44 birds were caught. Large numbers of juveniles were caught, especially Blackcaps, Blue Tits and Great Tits.

The Blue Tits were interesting as many young came from the Island boxes including 3 from Box 2, 4 from Box 7, 5 from Box 9 and 3 from Box 28. We also caught 2 birds from a box in The Furrows, and one from a box in Links Way, St Ives so it would seem that Blue Tit young gravitate to the Island from mid St Ives. We also had 2 Great Tits from Box 10.

Over 20 young Blackcaps were caught suggesting that there were at least six and possibly 10 nests on the Island. The first Juvenile Reed Warblers were also caught.

Other things seen included Small Tortoiseshell, Red Admiral, Small White Butterflies. Common Blue Damselfly, Assure Damselfly, Blue tailed Damselfly, Banded Demoiselle, and an Emperor dragonfly (female).

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Great Spotted Woodpecker		1			1
Wren			3		3
Dunnock		5	3	2	10
Sedge Warbler			7		7
Reed Warbler	9	2	9		20
Blackcap	4	21	2	2	29
Chiffchaff		6		2	8
Robin		3		2	5
Blackbird		3	3		6
Blue Tit	1	11	4	32	48
Great Tit	1	14	1	13	29
Tree creeper		5	1		6
House Sparrow		2			2
Total	15	73	33	53	174



Juvenile Great Spotted Woodpecker



Juvenile Tree Creeper



Juvenile Reed Warbler

