

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 7<sup>TH</sup> JULY 2020

The weather was calm, mostly overcast but this resulted in a good catch with good numbers of juvenile Reed Warblers and more new juvenile Blackcaps, some of the Reed Warblers were very young only just able to fly. It was very nice to get the juvenile Lesser Whitethroat which must have bred nearby if not on the Island. We have already caught as many warblers this year as we did in the whole of 2019 which suggests they are having a good year.

One of the adult Blackcaps was one ringed in July 2014 when we started, and has returned again. One of the Sedge Warblers was ringed in 2017 and has returned each year since. It is noticeable that the aphids are building up in numbers on the reeds which is one of their staple foods.

Also seen were: Red Admiral, Small White, Green –veined White, Small Tortoiseshell, Holly Blue, and Meadow Brown. A beetle called *Lepura quadrifasciata*. In addition a Brown Hawker Dragonfly, Banded Demoiselles, Common Blue Damselflies and Blue-tailed Damselflies.

| Species            | New Adults | New Juveniles | Re-trap Adults | Re-trap Juveniles | Total     |
|--------------------|------------|---------------|----------------|-------------------|-----------|
| Wren               |            | 1             |                |                   | 1         |
| Duncock            |            |               |                | 4                 | 4         |
| Sedge Warbler      | 1          | 1             | 1              |                   | 3         |
| Reed Warbler       |            | 9             | 2              | 2                 | 13        |
| Blackcap           | 1          | 6             | 1              |                   | 8         |
| Lesser Whitethroat |            | 1             |                |                   | 1         |
| Chiffchaff         |            | 2             |                |                   | 2         |
| Robin              |            | 3             |                |                   | 3         |
| Blackbird          | 2          |               |                |                   | 2         |
| Song Thrush        |            | 2             |                |                   | 2         |
| Blue Tit           |            | 6             | 2              | 6                 | 14        |
| Great Tit          |            | 6             |                | 8                 | 14        |
| Tree creeper       |            | 1             |                |                   | 1         |
| <b>Total</b>       | <b>4</b>   | <b>38</b>     | <b>6</b>       | <b>20</b>         | <b>68</b> |



Juvenile Lesser Whitethroat



Juvenile Song Thrush



Meadow Brown

