

Ringling on Holt Island 15th October 2020

The weather was mostly overcast with a small amount of very light showers particularly in the morning. The ground was very soft following the flood over the Island. The catch was slow but steady. It was nice to re-trap a Cetti's Warbler which has been hanging around since late September and still calling. The Juvenile Chiffchaff was a nice addition.

A number of birds were heard but not caught including Kingfisher, Green Woodpecker, Great Spotted Woodpecker, Chaffinch and Magpie.

With autumn well and truly on us and leaves falling the number of insects around was much reduced but a fly, the Noonday Fly (*Mesembrina meridian*) was seen, as were lots of Harlequin Ladybirds, but only a few 7 Spot Ladybirds. There were fewer Hornets around but still plenty of wasps. A number of fungi were found, in particular Pear Tree leaf rust (*Gymnosporangium sabinea*) which spends part of its life on Juniper trees and part on pear trees, the is the pear tree stage. The trees must be less than a mile apart.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		2		1	3
Dunnock		2	1	2	5
Cetti's Warbler			1		1
Chiffchaff		1			1
Goldcrest		2			2
Robin	1		1	1	3
Blackbird	1		2		3
Long tailed Tit	4				4
Blue Tit		8	4	6	18
Great Tit		3	1	4	8
Reed Bunting	1	1			2
Total	7	19	10	14	50



Noonday Fly



Long tailed Tit



Nipplewort



Pear Tree leaf rust topside & underside

