

## Holt Island Ringing 15<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

The weather was overcast but still with little wind. On the first day we caught large numbers of birds particularly Blue Tits of which we had 23 new birds and a similar number of re-traps. There must be a continual number of new birds passing through the site as the majority were juveniles. The average weight of birds at the site seems to be higher than those caught in the Great Fen. One was found dead in West Leys, St Ives recently.

Callers were used for the first time, partly as the management had made some of the regular net sites much less productive and new sites have had to be found. The callers proved very successful with one net having 15 birds in it.

It was nice to catch 2 new Great Spotted Woodpeckers and 3 Chiffchaffs. We saw Sparrow Hawks on several occasions. There were a number of Chaffinches most of which were in good condition, only one had lesions on its legs.

We also saw several red Admirals.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Great Spotted Woodpecker	2				2
Wren		2	1	1	4
Duncock				2	2
Chiffchaff		2		1	3
Goldcrest		1			1
Robin			1	1	2
Blackbird		2	2		4
Song Thrush		1			1
Long tailed Tit			7		7
Coal Tit		1			1
Blue Tit	1	22	5	16	44
Great Tit		7	2	5	14
Chaffinch	3	1			4
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>39</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>89</b>



Goldcrest



Gt Sp Woodpecker



Coal Tit

