

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 1st & 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2021

The weather was still but overcast most of the time, it warmed eventually. It was nice to catch good numbers of juvenile birds, particularly warblers although there are at present few fledged Reed Warblers and no Sedge Warblers on the Island, but there are a number of juvenile Blackcaps and Chiffchaffs.

We caught Blue Tits that fledged from nest boxes 4, 7 and 13. This year no Great Tit fledged from the nest boxes but three were caught that fledged elsewhere.

Song Thrushes are more numerous this year due to the damper ground making feeding conditions easier, similarly the Robins

The ground is still damper than usual and the vegetation is very lush indeed. The floods have affected the composition of the plant life and favoured some plants such as Comfrey, Aquatic Forget-me-not and Marsh Bedstraw, also the Dodder is rampant this year, in the meadow it is on the Comfrey and is less red than that by the river which is parasitizing the normal host of nettles, which is redder. Hemp agrimony has flowering heads about to open and the Aquatic Chickweed is starting to flower.

The Pellucid fly, the largest native hover fly, was seen, it has a striking white band across its middle and large dark spots on the wings. It lays its eggs in the nests of ground nesting bees which its young then feed on.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren	3		1		4
Dunnock	1	1	1	1	4
Reed Warbler	3		7	1	11
Garden Warbler			1		1
Blackcap	2	3	5		10
Chiffchaff		1			1
Robin		4			4
Blackbird		3			3
Song Thrush		1			1
Long tailed Tit		2			2
Blue Tit		6	2	3	11
Great Tit		3			3
Tree Creeper		1			1
Reed Bunting		1			1
<b>Total</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>57</b>



Juvenile Tree creeper



The back of the Tree creeper



Juvenile Blackcap



Toad



Dodder in flower



Pellucid Hoverfly

