

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 2ND – 3RD JUNE 2020

The weather was warm and still with many young fledglings having recently left the nests. Ringing took place from dawn to about 10am each morning. The highlights were the lesser Whitethroat and Green Woodpecker.

Large numbers of warblers were caught, particularly Reed Warblers, followed by Blackcaps. There has generally been an increase in warbler numbers this year; could more have got through Italy and Spain without getting shot or was there a particularly good breeding season last year? However a Cuckoo has visited the Island several times, possibly as there are so many Reed Warblers.

We caught two Great Tits - which hatched last year from boxes 10 and 23 - breeding on the Island this year, also young Blue Tits from boxes 7 (3), 9 (3); and a Great Tit from box 10. There was also a Blue Tit ringed in August 2014 and a Robin ringed in August 2015.

Various other species were seen including Speckled Wood butterfly, Small Tortoiseshell and a Broad Bodied Chaser dragonfly.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Green Woodpecker	1				1
Wren			2		2
Dunnock		2	2	1	5
Sedge Warbler			3		3
Reed Warbler	15		3		18
Garden Warbler	1		1		2
Blackcap	5		1		6
Whitethroat	1				1
Lesser Whitethroat	1				1
Chiffchaff		2		1	3
Robin		3	3		6
Blackbird	2		1		3
Long tailed Tit			2		2
Blue Tit	4	8	6	9	27
Great Tit	2	5	7	1	15
Reed Bunting			1		1
Goldfinch	2				2
House Sparrow	1		1		2
Total	35	20	33	12	100



Green Woodpecker



Lesser Whitethroat



Whitethroat