

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 30TH - 31ST August 2022

The weather was dry but breezy, in spite of this a good catch was made which included a lot of Chiffchaffs. Only seven nets were used aiming to catch warblers.

The Chiffchaffs caught were mostly younger than the Willow Warblers, the latter had completed their post juvenile moult whereas the Chiffchaffs were nearer the beginning of their moult. The Willow Warblers are mostly passing through on their journey south stopping for a very short time. The Chiffchaffs were probably local late broods that were feeding up and moulting before leaving, thus there were more re-traps of the Chiffchaffs.

The adult birds are now coming to the end of their moult and should soon start to emerge from hiding to take advantage of the food supplies

With the very dry period species such as the Blackbird and Song Thrush have not had the abundant food supply that they had last year so numbers on the Island have been small and few have been caught.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren				2	2
Duncock		2		2	4
Reed Warbler		1		3	4
Blackcap		5		2	7
Willow Warbler		6		2	8
Chiffchaff		12		6	18
Robin		3	2		5
Blackbird			1		1
Long tailed Tit			3		3
Blue Tit	1	14	1	1	17
Great Tit		1		4	5
Tree Creeper				1	1
Total	1	44	7	23	75



Blackcap