

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 18 – 19 August 2021

The weather was cold for the time of year, mostly overcast with a gentle breeze.

The number of Blue Tits was high with many re-traps including birds from the nest boxes on the Island, Nos 4, 13, 14 and 27. The number of Great Tit was very low by contrast, they have had a very poor year. Those that were caught were a good weight as were most of the Blue Tits.

The numbers of young Reed Warblers has increased but nowhere near as many as last year, similarly the Chiffchaffs. A few Juvenile Blackcaps were caught but they must be beginning their migration south.

The Island had large numbers of insects particularly in the meadow including good numbers of Migrant Hawkers and Common Darters, with a Southern Hawker being seen. Musk Longhorn beetles were present as were leaf beetles, and various Ladybirds. Mint moths were there and a Pale Tussock moth caterpillar was found. There were very few Meadow Browns and Gatekeeper butterflies but Small Whites were numerous and there were a few Red Admiral, Specked Wood and Comma butterflies.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		1			1
Dunnock		4	1		5
Reed Warbler		11	1	1	13
Blackcap		2		1	3
Chiffchaff		3			3
Robin		3		1	4
Blackbird		1	4		5
Long tailed Tit	1				1
Blue Tit		13	3	12	28
Great Tit		1		5	6
Chaffinch		2			2
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>71</b>



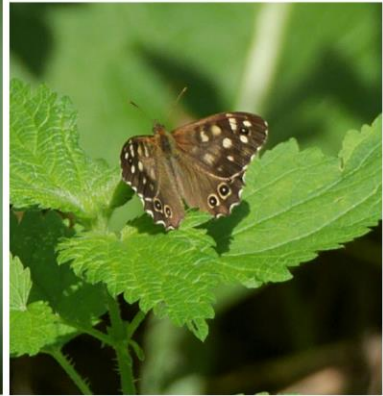
Chiffchaff, reluctant to leave



Leaf Beetle



Pale Tussock moth caterpillar



Migrant Hawker

Common Darter

Southern hawker

Speckled Wood Butterfly

Musk Beetle

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