

## Ringling on Holt Island 2 – 3 August 2021

The weather was not as forecast, it was dull and overcast and on the Tuesday morning rained! In spite of that we caught a reasonable number with quite a lot of warblers, most of the Reed Warblers were re-trapped adults, very few young birds but there was a seven year old Blackcap ringed as an adult in June 2014. Two other Reed Warblers were ringed in July 2019 and July 2020.

However we did catch a new species, a juvenile Water Rail, a bird that creeps through the reeds searching for food. This has not been recorded on the island before.

A small flock of Blue Tits and Great Tits were caught; one of the birds was hatched in Box 14.

A lot of butterflies and other insects were out on the Monday afternoon including Gatekeeper and Meadow Brown Butterflies, Four banded Longhorn Beetles, many Harlequin Ladybirds, Brown Hawker and Common Darter Dragonflies.

Species	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Water Rail	1			1
Wren	2			2
Dunnock	1	1		2
Reed Warbler	2	7	1	10
Blackcap	3	1		4
Robin	2		1	3
Long tailed Tit	1			1
Blue Tit	10		3	13
Great Tit	3		2	5
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>41</b>



Juvenile Water Rail



Brown Hawker, female



Gatekeeper



Bush Cricket



Harlequin Ladybird