

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 5TH - 6TH DECEMBER 2022

The weather was overcast, damp and getting colder, it had rained the previous day.

As has become usual Blue Tits were the most numerous of the birds caught, but a number were of quite some age, with birds originally ringed in August 2018, July 2017, August 2016 and the oldest ringed as a first year bird in January 2015, so eight years old.

There was also a Long-tailed Tit which was ringed in January 2018. One of the Great Tits was from Box 10 this year.

The number of warblers staying into the winter months is increasing significantly with again this month Blackcaps and a Chiffchaff being caught. The Cetti's Warbler was a first year bird so probably from a brood on or near the Island.

The Blackbird numbers have increased with some of the larger and heavier continental birds on the Island.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
Wren	1	1		3	5
Dunnock	1	1		3	5
Cetti's Warbler		1			1
Blackcap		2			2
Chiffchaff		1			1
Goldcrest		2			2
Robin		2	2	1	5
Blackbird	3	3	2		8
Long tailed Tit			1		1
Blue Tit		8	7	12	27
Great Tit				8	8
Total	5	21	12	27	65



Female Blackcap