

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 11<sup>TH</sup> & 14<sup>TH</sup> December 2021

The weather both days was still, dry and overcast.

The first day saw two Great Spotted Woodpeckers re-trapped, one a male from 2020 and the other a female from 2018. Two Cetti's Warblers were caught, a new one and one from earlier this autumn. There were also two Blue Tits which were reared on the Island in 2020 from Boxes 7 and 9.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Great Spotted Woodpecker			2		2
Wren		2			2
Dunnock		2	1	4	7
Cetti's Warbler		1	1		2
Blackcap		1			1
Robin			1	3	4
Blackbird			1		1
Song Thrush				1	1
Blue Tit	3	6	5	13	27
Great Tit		3		6	9
Tree creeper			1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>57</b>

The two mornings were quite different in the birds that were caught except for the Blue Tits and Great Tits. The numbers of Great Tits remain lower than normal but in both cases it was very evident that of this year's young significantly more females were being caught than males. Why this should be is not known.

The big surprise on the second day was the number of Blackcaps caught. In previous years no overwintering Blackcaps have been caught, so this either global warming getting more significant with an increase in available food for the Blackcaps or they are moving through, feeding on the way.



Female Blackcap



Male Great Spotted Woodpecker

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Kingfisher		1			1
Wren		1			1
Dunnock		1	1		2
Blackcap		4			4
Chiffchaff		1			1
Goldcrest		1			1
Robin				1	1
Blackbird		3	1	1	5
Long tailed Tit	6		5		11
Blue Tit	1	5	7	12	25
Great Tit	1	1	1	11	14
Tree creeper			1		1
Chaffinch			1		1
<b>Total</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>68</b>

The Tree creeper was ringed as a juvenile on 10<sup>th</sup> October 2019.



A light trap was used to catch moths, two Winter Moths (*Operophtera brumata*) were caught.



Kingfisher (photo by Jade Gunnell)