

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 18 - 19 November 2022

The weather was grey and dull but still, after a day of rain. The ground was waterlogged to a depth of four inches.

There were several flocks of Blue Tits and Great Tits that were caught. Half were already ringed and half were new. It is surprising that there are so many of these birds being supported by the food on the island, it shows how abundant food must be for them. These species had a good breeding year after a poorer year last year. Most were first year birds but there were a number that were older with two ringed in 2018, one in 2020 and several in 2021.

Three types of warbler were caught with single male Blackcap, and Chiffchaff. Three Cetti's Warblers were caught including two juveniles, one of which was a new bird and also one ringed in September 2020.

The Goldcrests are back on the reserve after being absent all summer, with a pair being caught.

Species	New Adults	New First Years	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap First Years	Total
Wren		3		4	7
Dunnock		2			2
Cetti's Warbler		1	1	1	3
Blackcap		1			1
Chiffchaff		1			1
Goldcrest		2			2
Robin				1	1
Blackbird	4		1		5
Long tailed Tit			2		2
Blue Tit	3	19	8	27	57
Great Tit		10	1	12	23
Total	7	39	13	45	104



Female Goldcrest