

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 18<sup>TH</sup> – 19<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER 2019

This was a time when the Island was flooded, the waters were receding. The temperatures were low and indeed freezing over night, but the days were sunny and largely still.

Thirteen species were caught including a new species for us, a Green Woodpecker, but in addition we caught a Kingfisher. We also caught a Chiffchaff which may be overwintering here.

The flood has affected the way birds are behaving as they need to find other places to feed. Hemingford Meadow had large flocks of Gulls and Starlings feeding where the water was receding and many Blackbirds had come to the Island to find food where they had been pushed off other flooded areas.

We caught a Blackbird which was originally ringed by us on the Island in July 2014 and a Blue Tit ringed in January 2015.

We also saw a Sparrow hawk and a Blackcap, the later must also be overwintering here.

Species	New adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Kingfisher	1				1
Green Woodpecker	1				1
Great Spotted Woodpecker	1				1
Wren		3			3
Dunnock	1	1	1	1	4
Chiffchaff		1			1
Robin			2	4	6
Blackbird	3	3	4		10
Song Thrush		1			1
Long tailed Tit	6		2		8
Blue Tit	2	4	4	13	23
Great Tit		2	1	5	8
Tree creeper				1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>68</b>



Female Green Woodpecker



Male Kingfisher

Julian & Sue Limentani