

RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 25-26 FEBRUARY 2021

The weather was very mild and sunny after an overnight frost.

There was floods for a long period in January and February up to the 10th February. As a result the ground is very soft and there are large puddles in a number of places, Over 1800 fish had been stranded and rescued including Roach, Rudd, Perch, Bream and Dace. Large numbers had also been predated by the herons and foxes.

In spite of most of the Island being covered with water for so long there were good numbers of the usual species of bird, the catch was very varied and with good numbers. It is nice to see we still have Chiffchaff on the Island which must have overwintered there, there is also at least one Cetti's Warbler that was heard singing in short bursts.

The Green Woodpecker was an adult female, the Great Spotted Woodpeckers were also in evidence with some courtship drumming. There was evidence of a Song Thrush using the boardwalk to break snail shells on.

Several elderly birds were re-trapped, including a Blue Tit from 2014 and a Blackbird and a Great Tit from 2015

| Species | New Adult | New First Year | Re-trap Adult | Re-trap First Year | Total |
|------------------|-----------|----------------|---------------|--------------------|-----------|
| Green Woodpecker | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Wren | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Dunnock | | 1 | 1 | 2 | 4 |
| Chiffchaff | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Goldcrest | | | | 1 | 1 |
| Blackbird | 2 | 1 | 3 | | 6 |
| Song Thrush | | 1 | | | 1 |
| Long tailed Tit | 1 | | 4 | | 5 |
| Blue Tit | | 1 | 3 | 4 | 8 |
| Great Tit | | | 4 | | 4 |
| Tree creeper | 1 | | 1 | | 2 |
| Reed Bunting | | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| Goldfinch | 1 | | | | 1 |
| Total | 6 | 7 | 19 | 9 | 41 |



Tree creeper



Male Goldfinch



Female Green Woodpecker