

## RINGING ON HOLT ISLAND 10 -11 November 2023

The weather was still, cold mostly overcast with some sun. There had been a flood a week previously which had largely covered the Island, this left the ground soft and ideal for Blackbirds and Robins to forage. As ever Blue Tits were the most numerous birds present going around in small flocks.

We still have a number of Chiffchaffs and Blackcaps present which will probably overwinter in the area. There were no flocks of finches yet as it has not been cold enough to congregate.

A number of elderly birds were caught including a blackbird ringed on 15 May 2015 and a Blue Tit ringed on 22 July 2016. There was also a Robin from October 2017. One of the Great Tits was ringed this year from Box 9.

One of the Goldcrests had a withered foot, but this had obviously happened long ago and it did not appear to be hindering it greatly. In spite of such impediments birds are still able to survive successfully.

Species	New Adults	New Juveniles	Re-trap Adults	Re-trap Juveniles	Total
Wren		1	2	1	4
Dunnock	1	1	1	2	5
Blackcap		2			2
Chiffchaff		3		1	4
Goldcrest		2			2
Robin		1	2	5	8
Blackbird	2	7	1		10
Long tailed Tit			2		2
Blue Tit	3	15	5	33	56
Great Tit		6	1	5	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>105</b>



Chiffchaff



Goldcrest



Goldcrest with withered leg