

Bird Ringing Visit on Saturday 29th June 2024

A small group of us had a very interesting visit to the Hersham bird ringers based at the Laleham Pumping Station at the Queen Mary Reservoir. We were shown several birds by the very enthusiastic bird ringers. There seemed to be plenty of Blackcaps this morning – male, female and also warblers and wrens. One wren managed to escape and was flying around the room. As we left the room later, it had managed to return to the outside. It was exciting to see what was inside the bags. The Woodpeckers and Bluetits seemed to be the most aggressive and difficult to handle without being pecked.

I attach some of most easily identified photos taken by Lorna. As there were plenty of LBJs I should have written down their identities as they were being photographed.



Bluetit



Male Blackcap



Jay



Juvenile Robin



Green Woodpecker



Great Spotted Woodpecker

We were later taken by one of the volunteers to look at the mist nets. It was lovely to be able to walk on unspoilt land with so many wildflowers and to hear the sounds of Whitethroats and Chiffchaffs in the bushes.



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