

# Potteric Carr Ringing 2020



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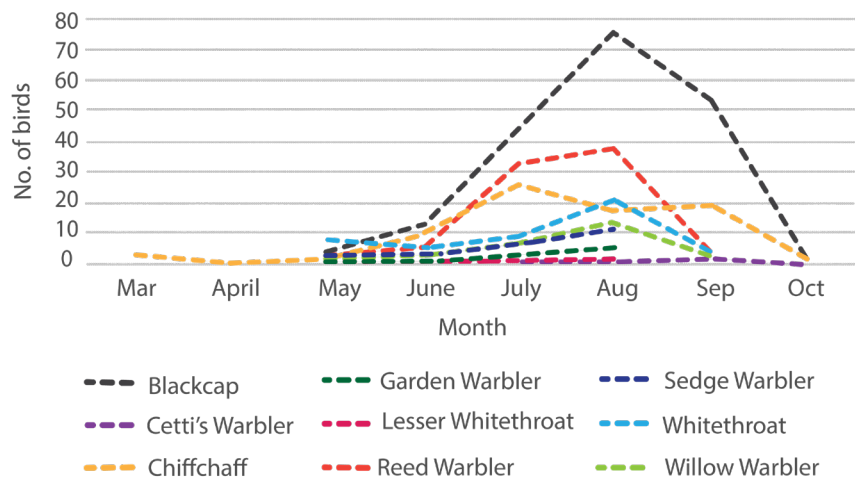
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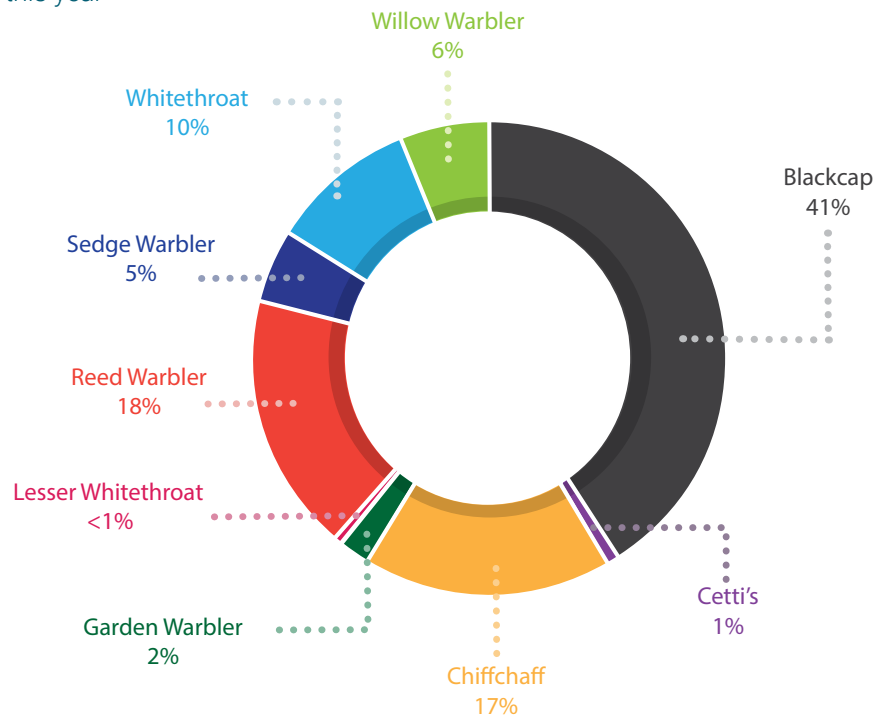
# Warbler Season

Despite COVID-19 restrictions ceasing ringing activities for 8 weeks between March and May, we successfully ringed 785 new birds of 29 species, 479 of which were warblers. As can be expected, most of these warblers started to arrive to Potteric Carr around May, peaking in July and departed the area again in August and September, following trend with previous years.

## Potteric Carr 2020 New Warblers Caught



Blackcaps outnumbered all other species, accounting for 41% of the warblers caught this year. These were caught in larger numbers across most months and are one of the earlier arriving and later leaving species. Chiffchaff, Reed Warbler and Whitethroat were also caught in good numbers this year.



This year we have ringed later into the season, targeting species on autumn migration and residents outside of the breeding season. Consequently, new species caught for Potteric included Siskin, Lesser Redpoll, Redwing and Kingfisher.

# Retraps

We have had several re-traps from previous years at the site, including local movements between sites and two long-distance movements.

## Non-local control

- > Reed Warbler from Potteric Carr (2018-2019) to Saint-Vigor-D'Ymonville, France (2020)
- > Garden Warbler from Suffolk (2019) to Potteric Carr (2020)

## Local recoveries / controls

- > Blue Tit's and Great Tit's from Potteric Carr (2019) to Carr Lodge (2020)
- > Reed Bunting from iPort (2019) to Potteric Carr (2020)
- > Reed Warbler from Potteric Carr (2018) to Thorpe Marsh (2020)
- > Lesser Redpoll from Hatfield Moor (2020) to Potteric Carr (2020)
- > Lesser Redpoll from Finningley Airfield (2020) to Potteric Carr (2020)

## Potteric Carr re-traps

2019 birds re-trapped in 2020

- > 2 Blackcap (male)
- > Willow Warbler
- > 2 Cetti's Warbler
- > Reed Warbler

2018 birds re-trapped in 2020

- > Reed Warbler
- > Song Thrush, also caught in 2019

2017 bird re-trapped in 2020

- > Reed Bunting (male)

## 2018-2020

Due to variations between years (i.e. number of visits/nets, weather, use of tape lures, timing of visits) it is not possible to make detailed comparisons; however, we can draw some general conclusions.

2020 saw a good year for warblers with most species improving 2018 and 2019 totals. This year appeared to be our best year so far for Blackcap, Chiffchaff, Reed Warbler, Sedge Warbler, Whitethroat and Willow Warbler with lower numbers of Lesser Whitethroat and Cetti's Warbler.

Species	2020	2019	2018
Blackcap	196	182	23
Cetti's Warbler	4	10	15
Chiffchaff	81	35	74
Garden Warbler	11	6	41
Lesser Whitethroat	2	6	1
Reed Warbler	85	33	41
Sedge Warbler	24	6	2
Whitethroat	47	16	43
Willow Warbler	29	9	19
Number of visits	41	38	24



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Blackcap	196
Reed Warbler	85
Chiffchaff	81
Whitethroat	47
Willow Warbler	29
Sedge Warbler	24
Garden Warbler	11
Cetti's Warbler	4
Lesser Whitethroat	2
Robin	28
Dunnoek	5
Wren	11
Goldfinch	18
Bullfinch	8
Chaffinch	6
Greenfinch	5
Blue Tit	50
Long-tailed Tit	24
Great Tit	16
Coal Tit	2
Reed Bunting	11
Treecreeper	2
Goldcrest	1
Lesser Redpoll	52
Siskin	2
Redwing	53
Blackbird	9
Song Thrush	2
Kingfisher	1

