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Treswell Wood - Information To Tell Every Recorder

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(Integrated Population Monitoring)

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The protracted breeding season means that Twitter is due before the final tabulations can be made. In Twitter No.1 we suggested that most of the issues would just be two paged. At last we have made it! Any news (CBC, sight records, anything else) for a bumper issue Twitter 24 to Chris (01427-848400) as soon as possible.

Noteworthy Captures

Species	Age/sex	Ring	Date	Grid
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Tawny Owl	1	GF73591-2	26/5/99	N02
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A successful nest for this species after a number of bad years. The female was trapped at the nest - a new bird.

Stock Dove	1	ET87262-3	3/7/99	F04
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These are the first Stock Dove nestlings we have ringed in the wood since 1983 when there was a nest with just one nestling. Prior to that we had only ringed two other nestlings, in 1979. A few other attempts failed because of grey squirrels or Tawny Owls. Latest news (12/8/99) - one egg in a second clutch. The season continues!

Wren	4M	9G4122	27/6/99	D07
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A 1998-ringed nestling ringed in L03, retrapped as a breeding male. This is typical post-natal dispersal for the species - nesting a mere 500 m from where it began life.

Wren	3J	1N1207	11/7/99	F04
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We have ringed 48 Wrens in nests, more than in recent years. This is the first we have recaptured - ringed 26/5/99 in P03 and now travelling more widely through the wood about 600 m from its natal spot.

Duncock	6F	J522884	20/6/99	N03
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Where has it been hiding? Ringed as a breeding female in L06, 250 m away, in May 1995 and not retrapped since.

Garden Warbler	4	N305974	30/5/99	E01
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A rare between-years recapture of the species. It was ringed on 19/7/98 in H01 as a probable juvenile. Today it was developing a brood patch and so likely to have returned to the wood to breed.

Blackcap	4M	K463847	4/7/99	F04
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Ringed and retrapped in 1997, we failed to catch this bird in 1998. The 1997 captures were both in Nightingale Ride, today's was at Piccadilly Circus. It seems that he has moved his territory somewhat between years.

Marsh Tit	3J	N645244	13/6/99	L01
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The first of our 1999 nestlings to be recaptured. We have ringed nestlings in three nests which is above average for the decade. The continuity of our record for these is pleasing - our first nest was only in 1987 and we have had unbroken nesting of the species since 1992.

Coal Tit	3J	N645357	13/6/99	L01
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The first of our nestling Coal Tits to be recaptured. One nest in the main set of boxes was abandoned, two in the Dormouse boxes were successful. This bird was ringed in F07 and had already moved to the centre of the wood.

Blue Tit	6F	K720088	5/5/99	F06 On nest
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A bird now of respectable age - ringed as a nestling in the centre of the wood in 1996 and known to have nested in a box (unsuccessfully) in 1998.

Blue Tit	3J	N645254	11/7/99	F02
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Blue Tits have enjoyed a better season than in the past two years, but not as good as in typical previous years. This is one of the handful of this year's 182 nestlings which we have recaptured. Unlike Great Tits, few blue Tits seem to frequent the feeders in the summer.

Great Tit 6F NC90331 16/5/99 E08 On nest

In spite of the regularity with which many Great Tits are captured at the feeders, this 1995 ringed nestling has not been retrapped between ringing in J03 on 20/5/95 and today. Her nest is in the far south east of the wood and perhaps her winter peanut feeding takes place at on of the farms?

Great Tit 3J VS51103 13/6/99 Q02Feeder

We have, so far, captured 29 of our 131 nestling-ringed Great Tits this summer, many of them at the feeders. Why they so vastly outnumber Blue Tits at the feeder is not clear. We have recaptured some birds frequently and have been able to follow the progress of post-juvenile moult in detail. This bird was ringed on 23/5/99 in E03 (in one of Ulli's old experimental boxes) and on recapture on 13/6/99 was still in full juvenile plumage. By 18/7/99 it had begun its post juvenile moult with some blue adult feathers on the leading edge of the wing. On 1/8/99 it showed extensive moult, which included the tail, although it had still not progressed enough to determine the sex of the bird by the width of the belly stripe. We have also recorded tits from later nests not starting moult until after the earlier fledged birds, which is interesting although hardly surprising.

Bullfinch 6M K463892 25/7/99 M00

We have enjoyed slightly more Bullfinches than in recent years - but still not as many as in the 1970s, and still there are few juveniles. This bird was ringed two years earlier, caught a mere two nets distant from today's site.

House Sparrow 4M VV34195 3/7/99 Stanhope Farm

Last September we trapped some House Sparrows at Stanhope Farm - the first we had ringed in or near the wood for many years. A repeat effort brought 20 new birds and two retraps, this being one of them.

Controls and recoveries**Blue Tit 6F K720570 16/5/99 E04**

Like K720660, below, this female died during the nesting process. She has not been a successful bird - her 1998 nest was abandoned after she had laid only a few eggs.

Blue Tit 5F K720660 9/5/99 E07

Found dead on her nest, she was ringed three months earlier at the feeders and retrapped in April in the south of the wood (D08) near to her ill-fated nest.

10 Week Summary 1999 Interval 3 Visits 1412, 1415, 1409, 1410, 1414, 1411, 1416

	New Birds			Recaptures			Total
	Adult	5	3	Adult	5	3	
Wren	2	2	4	3	3	.	14
Dunnock	4	.	7	4	2	.	17
Robin	.	1	15	3	5	1	25
Blackbird	3	5	4	3	.	.	15
Song Thrush	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
Garden Warbler	.	.	2	2	.	.	4
Blackcap	7	6	5	4	.	.	22
Chiffchaff	1	.	1	.	1	.	3
Willow Warbler	2	.	.	.	.	.	2
Marsh Tit	.	.	.	4	.	3	7
Willow Tit	.	.	3	.	.	.	3
Coal Tit	1	.	.	.	.	1	2
Blue Tit	.	.	2	.	.	.	2
Great Tit	.	1	1	1	1	5	9
Treecreeper	.	.	3	1	1	.	5
Bullfinch	1	5	.	1	1	.	8
Totals	21	20	49	26	14	10	140

Treswell Wood Standard Site Totals in 10-week Periods

Year	1	2	3	4	5	Total
1978-1998						
Max	124	145	288	253	177	865
Min	59	57	99	68	88	422
Mean	87	108	171	141	127	637
1998	78	84	116	80	106	464
1999	88	96	140	---	---	(324)