

BURRATOR ARBORETUM

2017-2026: Unconfirmed Priority Site

Former presence of Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly and Small Red Damselfly (not since 2004 and 2002, respectively; both species were likely wanderers from nearby moorland, as are Common Hawkers and Black Darters).

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Site: BURRATOR ARBORETUM	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX567688	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						C			C			C
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly						D	A		A			A
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly					A	D	C		D			C
Blue-tailed Damselfly						C						
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly						A						
Common Blue Damselfly						C			C			C
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly					A	C	C		D			A
Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly						A						
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker						C						
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker						C			B			A
Migrant Hawker						B						
Emperor Dragonfly						B						A
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly						C			A			A
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser												
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser									B			
Keeled Skimmer						B			A			C
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter						D			A			B
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter						D						
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:					2	17	3		10			10

Bold underlined = nationally important species **Bold black = important species**

Succ = Successful breeding (exuvia(e) and/or larva(e) and/or pre-flight emergent and/or oviposition);

Poss = Possible breeding (copulating pair); Other = Adult(s) or unspecified.

Abundance codes: A=1; B=2-5; C=6-20; D=21-100; E=101-500; F=>500; + = no count.

Priority Species History

Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly – a single was seen on 6/7/04.

Small Red Damselfly – a single was reported in 2002.

Habitat

Artificial ponds in arboretum and stream. The arboretum was originally created following storms in the late 1980s as a collection of native and non-native trees. A network of ponds was developed.

Status

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Area

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Owner/tenant

South West Lakes Trust

Local Authority: Dartmoor NPA

Threats

- Successional change: scrub invasion.

Management suggestions

- Ensure ponds are maintained on a rotational basis.

