

CORNDONFORD

1997-2006: Priority Site of National Importance

CURRENT STATUS UNCERTAIN

Former possible breeding population of Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly (but no records since 2006).

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Site: CORNDONFORD	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX693749	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						B						
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly												
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly					+	C	A		C			C
Blue-tailed Damselfly												
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly					A	B						
Common Blue Damselfly												
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly						C			A			
Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly												
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker						+						
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly												
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly						C			A			
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser									A			B
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser												
Keeled Skimmer				B	B	D	B		D			C
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter						C						
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter					+	C						A
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:	0	0	0	1	4	9	2	0	5	0	0	3

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 pair *in cop.* observed in 1998; 5 (including a pair *in cop.*) on 15/7/99; 1 male near road on 15/7/06.

Other species of note

Common Hawker – reported in July 2002.

Black Darter – 6-20, including at least 1 pair *in cop.*, in 1998; reported in July 2002; 1 on 14/8/17.

Habitat

Small valley mire/flush, extending from the base of Corndon Down below the road to the NE to the West Webburn River. M29 runnels interspersed with areas of M16c, M21a and M25a, fringed with willow scrub. Flushes extend SW of the road, where Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly was recorded on 15/7/06.

Status

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Area

c5 ha

Local Authority:

Dartmoor National Park

Owner/tenant

?

Threats

- Gorse and scrub encroachment

Management suggestions

- Grazing levels judged adequate in 2005, but some intervention to prevent scrub invasion needed.

