

EAST GOLDS [PRIVATE]

2017-2026: Unconfirmed Priority Site

Presence of Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly, Red-eyed Damselfly and Hairy Dragonfly.

Last updated 29/03/2025

Site: EAST GOLDS	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX860730	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						A						C
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly												
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly	C		D			B						B
Blue-tailed Damselfly			D			C						C
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly			C									B
Common Blue Damselfly			C			B						B
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly	B		D		A	C				D	B	E
Red-eyed Damselfly						B						A
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly												
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly			A									B
Common Hawker												
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												B
Migrant Hawker												B
Emperor Dragonfly						B						B
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly												A
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser						A				A		B
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser												A
Keeled Skimmer			+		A	C						B
Black-tailed Skimmer				A		B				A		C
Common Darter	D		D							A		D
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter												
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:	3	0	8	1	2	10	0	0	0	4	1	17

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 – 2 males near settling ponds on 4/6/95; C (6-20) in 1996; 2 males on 26/7/21.

Red-eyed Damselfly – B (2-5) on 11/7/05; 1 on 26/7/21.

Habitat

Ball clay pit, infilled from 2005. Mostly bare clay and scattered open water in 2021. Old fishing pond (SX8608172758) turbid in 2021, but held Red-eyed Damselfly (also here in 2005). Settlement lagoons with lush growth of emergents and pondweeds in 2021 (with Hairy Dragonfly).

Status

None

Area

c15 ha

Local Authority: Teignbridge DC

Owner/tenant

Sibelco.

Threats

- Infilling

Management suggestions

- Maintain settlement ponds by occasional dredging.
- Retain some open water in main pit if possible.

East Golds (map from 1995 survey)

