

EMSWORTHY DWT

2017-2026: Possible Priority Site of National Importance

Presence of Small Red Damselfly (2022 and 2024).

Last updated: 30/07/2025

Site: EMSWORTHY DWT	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX7442177184	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle									C			B
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly								A	D	B	B	D
<u>White-legged Damselfly</u>												
Large Red Damselfly								B	D	B	B	D
Blue-tailed Damselfly									A			B
<u>Scarce Blue-t Damselfly</u>												
Common Blue Damselfly									A	C	C	E
<u>Southern Damselfly</u>												
Azure Damselfly									D			C
<u>Red-eyed Damselfly</u>												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
<u>Small Red Damselfly</u>											B	C
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
<u>Hairy Dragonfly</u>												
Common Hawker									B	A	A	B
<u>Norfolk Hawker</u>												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker									B			B
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly									B			C
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly									A	A		B
<u>Downy Emerald</u>												
Broad-bodied Chaser									B			B
<u>Scarce Chaser</u>												
Four-spotted Chaser												C
Keeled Skimmer							B		D	B	B	D
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter									D	A		C
Red-veined Darter												
<u>Ruddy Darter</u>												
Black Darter												
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:							1	0	13	7	5	15

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

Small Red Damselfly – 1 male in 2022 and B adults (2-5) in 2024; c15+ with several pairs in cop. on 3/7/25.

Habitat

In-bye meadows, willow scrub, ponds and mire. The pond with the most dragonfly interest is in a small field at the north of the site (SX7442177184)

Status

Devon Wildlife Trust Reserve

Area

c1 ha (wetland)

Local Authority: Dartmoor National Park

Owner/tenant

Devon Wildlife Trust

Threats

- ?

Management suggestions

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Main pond indicated by red dot

