

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 | |
|-----------------------------------|-----------|------|-----------|----------|-----------|-------|-----------|------|
| | Breeding | | Other | Breeding | | Other | Breeding | |
| | Succ | Poss | | Succ | Poss | | Succ | Poss |
| Damselflies | | | | | | | | |
| Beautiful Demoiselle | | | | | | | C | B |
| Banded Demoiselle | | | | | | | | |
| Emerald Damselfly | | | | | | A | D | B |
| White-legged Damselfly | | | | | | | | D |
| Large Red Damselfly | | | | | | B | D | B |
| Blue-tailed Damselfly | | | | | | A | | B |
| Scarce Blue-t Damselfly | | | | | | | | |
| Common Blue Damselfly | | | | | | A | C | C |
| Southern Damselfly | | | | | | | | |
| Azure Damselfly | | | | | | D | | C |
| Red-eyed Damselfly | | | | | | | | |
| Small Red-eyed Damselfly | | | | | | | | |
| Small Red Damselfly | | | | | | | B | C |
| Dragonflies | | | | | | | | |
| Hairy Dragonfly | | | | | | | | |
| Common Hawker | | | | | | B | A | A |
| Norfolk Hawker | | | | | | | | |
| Brown Hawker | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Hawker | | | | | | B | | B |
| Migrant Hawker | | | | | | | | |
| Emperor Dragonfly | | | | | | B | | C |
| Lesser Emperor | | | | | | | | |
| Vagrant Emperor | | | | | | | | |
| Golden-ringed Dragonfly | | | | | | A | A | B |
| Downy Emerald | | | | | | | | |
| Broad-bodied Chaser | | | | | | B | | B |
| Scarce Chaser | | | | | | | | |
| Four-spotted Chaser | | | | | | | | C |
| Keeled Skimmer | | | | | B | | D | B |
| Black-tailed Skimmer | | | | | | | | D |
| Common Darter | | | | | | D | A | C |
| Red-veined Darter | | | | | | | | |
| Ruddy Darter | | | | | | | | |
| 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

- ?

Main pond indicated by red dot

