

GIDLEIGH COMMON: SCORHILL DOWN

2017-2026: Confirmed Priority Site of National Importance

Marsh areas alongside Walla Brook support a small population of Small Red Damselfly.

Last updated: 29/03/2025

Site: GIDLEIGH COMMON: SCORHILL DOWN	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX65278713	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						+						B
Banded Demoiselle												
<u>Emerald Damselfly</u>											B	C
<u>White-legged Damselfly</u>												
Large Red Damselfly						+						A
Blue-tailed Damselfly												
<u>Scarce Blue-t Damselfly</u>												
Common Blue Damselfly												B
<u>Southern Damselfly</u>												
Azure Damselfly						+					A	B
<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			A									B
<u>Norfolk Hawker</u>												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly												
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly												C
<u>Downy Emerald</u>												
Broad-bodied Chaser												
<u>Scarce Chaser</u>												
Four-spotted Chaser												
Keeled Skimmer						+						C
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter												
Red-veined Darter												
<u>Ruddy Darter</u>												
Black Darter			B							A		C
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:	0	0	2	0	0	5	0	0	0	1	3	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

Small Red Damselfly – 1 female on 21/8/19; 7, including 2 pairs in cop. on 1/8/21.

Habitat

Acidic stream and associated mire areas.

Status

Common, National Park

Area

<5 ha

Local Authority: Dartmoor National Park Authority

Owner/tenant

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Threats

- Overgrazing

Management suggestions

- Maintain grazing level at approximately the same

