

GUTTER TOR MIRE, SHEEPSTOR COMMON

1997-2006: Confirmed Priority Site of National Importance

CURRENT STATUS UNKNOWN

Formerly successful breeding population of Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly and presence of Small Red Damselfly, but no records since 1998 and 2003, respectively.

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Site: GUTTER TOR MIRE, SHEEPSTOR COMMON	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX581670	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle						C	A		B			
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly				+		A						
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly			+	B	D	D			C			
Blue-tailed Damselfly												
Scarce Blue-t Damselfly			C	A	A	D						
Common Blue Damselfly				+	+	C		A	B			
Southern Damselfly												
Azure Damselfly				+	+	D						
Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red Damselfly						A						
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker												
Norfolk Hawker												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly						A						
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly			+	+		C		A	B			
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser						A						
Scarce Chaser												
Four-spotted Chaser						B						
Keeled Skimmer				A	C	D			B			
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter						+						
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter				+		D			A			
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:	0	0	3	8	5	14	1	2	6			

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.

Key Species History

Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly – C (6-20) on 18/7/97 and D (21-100) on 8/7/98.

Small Red Damselfly – singles in 2002-03.

Habitat

Moorland runnel/stream and mire, dominated by Purple Moor-grass (*Molinia caerulea*) and rushes (*Juncus* spp.) at 290-300 m ASL.

Status

Common land

Area

ca. 30 ha

Local Authority: Dartmoor National Park Authority

Owner/tenant

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Threats

- Undergrazing could mitigate against Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly.

Management suggestions

- Maintain current grazing levels.

Gutter Mire, Sheepstor Common: 1998 DNPA survey site

