

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 Grid ref.: SX581670 | 1987-1996 | | | 1997-2006 | | | 2007-2016 | | | 2017-2026 | | |
|---|-----------|------|-------|-----------|------|-------|-----------|------|-------|-----------|------|-------|
| | Breeding | | Other |
| | Succ | Poss | | Succ | Poss | | Succ | Poss | | Succ | Poss | |
| <u>Damselflies</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Beautiful Demoiselle | | | | | | C | A | | B | | | |
| Banded Demoiselle | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emerald Damselfly | | | | + | | A | | | | | | |
| <u>White-legged Damselfly</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Large Red Damselfly | | | + | B | D | D | | | C | | | |
| Blue-tailed Damselfly | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Scarce Blue-t Damselfly</u> | | | C | A | A | D | | | | | | |
| Common Blue Damselfly | | | | + | + | C | | A | B | | | |
| <u>Southern Damselfly</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Azure Damselfly | | | | + | + | D | | | | | | |
| <u>Red-eyed Damselfly</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Small Red-eyed Damselfly | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Small Red Damselfly</u> | | | | | | A | | | | | | |
| <u>Dragonflies</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Hairy Dragonfly</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Hawker | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Norfolk Hawker</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Brown Hawker | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Southern Hawker | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Migrant Hawker | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Emperor Dragonfly | | | | | | A | | | | | | |
| Lesser Emperor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vagrant Emperor | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Golden-ringed Dragonfly | | | + | + | | C | | A | B | | | |
| <u>Downy Emerald</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Broad-bodied Chaser | | | | | | A | | | | | | |
| <u>Scarce Chaser</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Four-spotted Chaser | | | | | | B | | | | | | |
| Keeled Skimmer | | | | A | C | D | | | B | | | |
| Black-tailed Skimmer | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Common Darter | | | | | | + | | | | | | |
| Red-veined Darter | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| <u>Ruddy Darter</u> | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 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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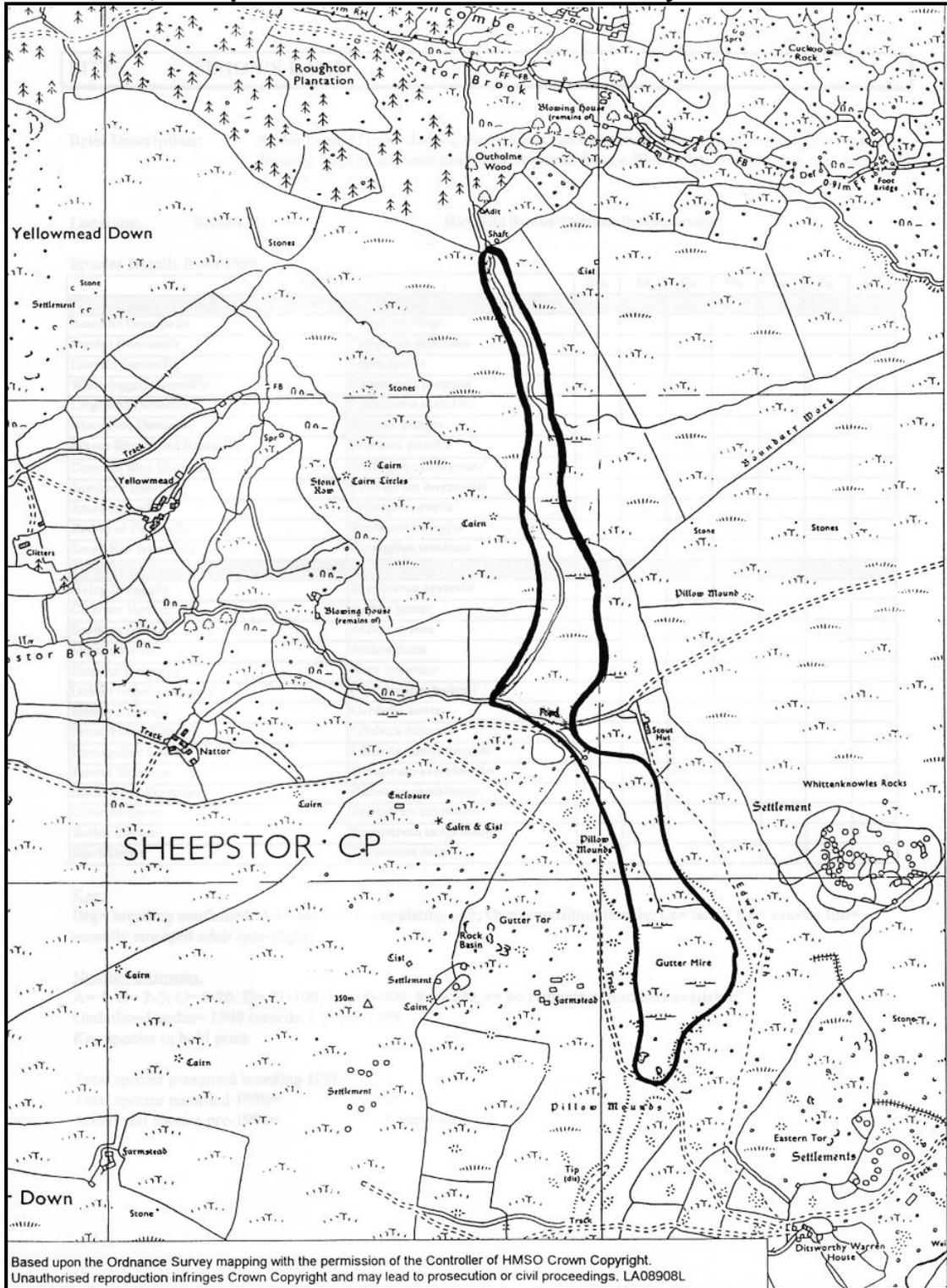
Threats

- Undergrazing could mitigate against Scarce Blue-tailed Damselfly.

Management suggestions

- Maintain current grazing levels.

Gutter Mire, Sheepstor Common: 1998 DNPA survey site



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