

LOWER PREWLEY

2017-2026: Confirmed Priority Site of National Importance

A small population of Southern Damselfly, presumably resulting from wandering individuals from the Prewley Moor colony some 850m away; perhaps best regarded as a sub-site of Prewley Moor.

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Site: LOWER PREWLEY	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SX533908	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<u>Damselflies</u>												
Beautiful Demoiselle												C
Banded Demoiselle												
Emerald Damselfly												
White-legged Damselfly												
Large Red Damselfly												
Blue-tailed Damselfly												
<u>Scarce Blue-t Damselfly</u>												
Common Blue Damselfly												A
<u>Southern Damselfly</u>							C		D			D
Azure Damselfly												
Red-eyed Damselfly												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
<u>Small Red Damselfly</u>												
<u>Dragonflies</u>												
Hairy Dragonfly												
Common Hawker												
<u>Norfolk Hawker</u>												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker												
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly												
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly												A
Downy Emerald												
Broad-bodied Chaser												
<u>Scarce Chaser</u>												
Four-spotted Chaser												
Keeled Skimmer												C
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter												
Red-veined Darter												
Ruddy Darter												
Black Darter												
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
Total species in category:							1	0	1	0	0	5

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

Southern Damselfly – known to hold small numbers since a male was discovered here on 29/8/08. Peak counts have been 35 on 9/7/09 and 41 in 2021. 16 larvae were recorded in April 2009, but only very small numbers or none up to 2017, after which sampling ceased. Annual daily maxima of adults and totals from larval sampling in April/May are tabulated below:

	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023
Ad	1	35	12	18	4	6	3	3	0	7	7	3	?	41	8	7
La	-	16	8	1	2	0	1	0	1	0	-	-	-	-	-	-

Habitat

A scrubby extension of Prewley Moor west of the A386. Wet heathland with willow scrub. The site benefitted from scrub management carried out by the DNPA Ranger and volunteer groups in the winter of 2008/9 and discussions held with commoners with a view to improving grazing.

Status

(Outside DNP)

Area

0.75 ha.

Local Authority: West Devon DC?

Owner/tenant

Part of the same common as Prewley Moor.

Threats

- Scrub encroachment due to lack of grazing.

Management suggestions

- Maintain open watercourses by mechanical means if grazing not possible.

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Lower Prewley Transects



Scale 1:1250

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