

# RIVER TORRIDGE (Great Torrington – Sheepwash)

## 2017-2026: Confirmed Priority Site of Local Importance

Successful breeding by White-legged Damselfly.

Last updated: 23/03/2025

Site: RIVER TORRIDGE	1987-1996			1997-2006			2007-2016			2017-2026		
Grid ref.: SS40, 41, 50	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other	Breeding		Other
	Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss		Succ	Poss	
<b><u>Damselflies</u></b>												
Beautiful Demoiselle									C	+		D
Banded Demoiselle			+						A	C	C	D
Emerald Damselfly												
<b>White-legged Damselfly</b>										<b>C</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>
Large Red Damselfly			+									A
Blue-tailed Damselfly			+									A
<b>Scarce Blue-t Damselfly</b>												
Common Blue Damselfly												
<b>Southern Damselfly</b>												
Azure Damselfly			+							A		C
<b>Red-eyed Damselfly</b>												
Small Red-eyed Damselfly												
<b>Small Red Damselfly</b>												
<b><u>Dragonflies</u></b>												
<b>Hairy Dragonfly</b>												
Common Hawker												
<b>Norfolk Hawker</b>												
Brown Hawker												
Southern Hawker											A	A
Migrant Hawker												
Emperor Dragonfly												B
Lesser Emperor												
Vagrant Emperor												
Golden-ringed Dragonfly												B
<b>Downy Emerald</b>												
Broad-bodied Chaser												A
<b>Scarce Chaser</b>												
Four-spotted Chaser												A
Keeled Skimmer												
Black-tailed Skimmer												
Common Darter												A
Red-veined Darter												
<b>Ruddy Darter</b>												
Black Darter												
Yellow-winged Darter												
Scarlet Darter												
<b>Total species in category:</b>	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	2	4	3	12

**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***

**White-legged Damselfly** – recorded during 1975-86 from Beaford, Blinsham and Potheridge. D (21-100) at Sheepwash in 2021, including C (6-20) emerging, copulating and egg-laying.

### ***Habitat***

No information available.

### ***Status***

None.

### ***Area***

c20 km.

***Local Authority:*** West Devon DC

### ***Owner/tenant***

Various

### ***Threats***

- ?

### ***Management suggestions***

- ?

