SNA details

SNA name:	East Devon Pebblebed Heaths
SNA unique number:	368
SNA area (ha):	3352.22



Summary of nature conservation interest

Priority BAP habitats

Main Regional Nature Map habitat:	Lowland Heath
Other Regional Nature Map habitat(s):	
Other UK BAP habitats:	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland, wet woodland, lowland dry acid grassland, maritime cliff and slope, fens, hedges, rivers, ponds

This is a large SNA, stretching from the East Devon Pebblebed Heaths, to the coast. The SNA is mostly within the East Devon AONB, and contains the largest block of lowland heath in Devon. The East Devon Pebblebed Heaths have been designated a Special Area of Protection (SPA) and Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and are a nationally important representative of the inland Atlantic-climate, lowland heathlands of Britain and north-west Europe. The SSSI covers a variety of habitats, including dry heath, wet heath, valley mires and mineral-rich flushes, and supports over 70 breeding bird species and 21 breeding dragonfly species.

The SPA covers over 30% of the SNA, and also includes the SSSI, two Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserves and a Royal Society for the Protection of Birds (RSPB) nature reserve. Most of the SSSI is Common Land. Outside the protected areas, there are a couple of ancient semi-natural woodlands, secondary woodland and wet woodland, with some unimproved acidic, neutral and marshy grassland. Otherwise the land is mainly arable, with conifer and broadleaved plantations, golf courses and a working quarry. The southern end of the SNA overlaps with SNA 1182 (maritime cliff and slope) and ends in a steep cliff where the land meets the sea.

There has been a lot of wildlife recording, especially on the two DWT nature reserves, so there are a lot of records, especially of fungi, butterflies and moths, dragonflies, birds and plants.

Important species or species assemblage	Status
Long-Leaved Sundew, Black Bog-Rush,	Devon Notable Species
Green-Winged Orchid, Lesser Butterfly-	UKBAP (Lesser Butterfly-Orchid)
Orchid, Hairy Bird's-Foot-Trefoil, Ivy	Nationally scarce (Hairy Bird's-Foot-Trefoil, Ivy
Broomrape, Pale Heath Violet	Broomrape, Pale Heath Violet)
Primrose	DBAP
70 breeding species of birds including Hobby,	UKBAP (P) (Reed Bunting, Cirl Bunting, Woodlark,
Nightjar, Dartford Warbler	Nightjar)
Barn Owl, Hen Harrier, Reed Bunting,	DBAP (Barn Owl, Nightjar, Cirl Bunting)
Woodlark are also present	Red (Hen Harrier)
·	Amber (Reed Bunting, Woodlark, Dartford Warbler)
Over 20 UKBAP moths & butterflies including	UKBAP (P)
Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary, Silver-	DBAP (Pearl-bordered Fritillary)
Studded Blue, Grizzled Skipper, High Brown	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,

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Fritillary, Pearl-bordered Fritillary, Wood	
White	
21 breeding species of dragonfly including Southern Damselfly, Downy Emerald, Hairy Dragonfly, Small Red Damselfly, White- Legged Damselfly, Keeled Skimmer	Internationally Important, UKBAP (P), DBAP (Southern Damselfly) Nationally Important & Nationally Notable B (Downy Emerald, Hairy Dragonfly, Small Red Damselfly,
Nationally Natable Sevental natas South disc	White-Legged Damselfly, Keeled Skimmer)
Nationally Notable invertebrates including	Nationally Notable A
Small Grass Emerald and Wood Cricket,	Nationally Notable B (Purple Emperor)
Purple Emperor	
Otter, Common Dormouse, Harvest Mouse,	UKBAP (P)
Greater Horseshoe Bat,	DBAP (Otter, Dormouse, Greater horseshoe bat)
Lesser Horseshoe Bat, Brown Long-Eared	, , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , , ,
Bat	
Reptiles and amphibians e.g. Adder, Slow-	UKBAP (P)
Worm, Grass Snake, Viviparous Lizard	
Common Toad	

See Appendix 1 for further species recorded in SNA 368.

Nature conservation designations

Please refer to a site's formal citation for a complete consideration of the reasons for its designation.

Designation	Site Name	Description
SPA	East Devon Pebblebed	Lowland heath
	Heaths	
SSSI	East Devon Pebblebed	Lowland heath
	Heaths	

In addition the SNA includes 12 County Wildlife Sites covering habitats including: Ancient semi-natural woodland, secondary broadleaved woodland, wet woodland, unimproved acidic, neutral and marshy grassland, heathland, coastal scrub and ponds.

There is also one Regionally Important Geological Site and two Devon Wildlife Trust nature reserves.

UK BAP Priority habitat maintenance and restoration targets for SNA no 368 (the measurement unit is hectare unless stated otherwise and is rounded up/down)

Maintenance targets (current extent of habitat) . 100 % favourable condition (based on NBN habitat layers)

UK BAP priority habitat	Maritime Cliff and Slope	Lowland mixed deciduous woodland	Wet Woodland	Woodland TOTAL	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Lowland Heathland	Fens ¹	TOTAL
Minimum	0.25	2	5	7.25		36		43.25
area *								
Maximum	40	169	5	214	58	905	292	1469
area #								

^{*} current extent of habitat = a + b

- a) sum of all the areas of criterion 1 polygons (Definitely is)
- b) number of criterion 2 polygons multiplied by the minimum mappable unit for that habitat (Definitely present within polygon but not mappable)

[criterion 3 polygons not included] (Probably the Priority Habitat but some uncertainty of interpretation)

current extent of habitat = criterion 1 + criterion 2 + criterion 3

¹Fens: The NBN habitat layer has a large area in this SNA mapped as ±owland fenqhowever there is some doubt over the accuracy of this. Little reference could be found to fen habitat in survey data relating to this area and there is often confusion over the definition of fen and how it overlaps with mire, swamp and bog.

Theoretical restoration/creation targets using Rebuilding Biodiversity (RB) methodology:

The Rebuilding Biodiversity in the South West Technical Manual, November 2005 suggests the following restoration/creation targets for a Strategic Nature Area profile where the priority habitat is lowland heathland:

60% cover of priority habitat

0% cover of other semi-natural habitat

40% cover of other land uses.

Opportunities for habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

This is an optional but desirable section to be completed by local experts and which would outline the practical opportunities for habitat restoration and creation on the ground. This may include emphasising the importance of an SNA for habitats additional to the primary one for which it was identified or, indeed, for particular species.

This section can also be used to develop more realistic habitat restoration targets, which could then be used to refine the theoretical targets listed above.

Constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA

As above, but in this case outlining the constraints to habitat restoration and creation in the SNA.

Other information

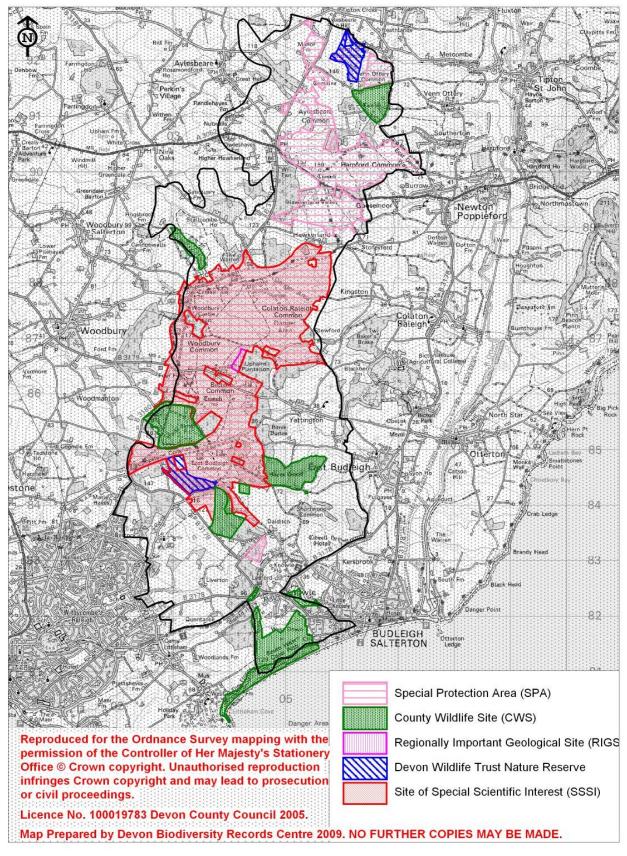
This is another optional section reliant upon local knowledge of the SNA. This section can be used for any other information that might be useful. It may be particularly useful for those SNAs within which there current projects or for which projects are planned.

Contents could include:

- Restoration targets for BAP habitats additional to the main nature map habitat.
- Maps detailing areas for restoration
- Nature conservation objectives
- And so on.

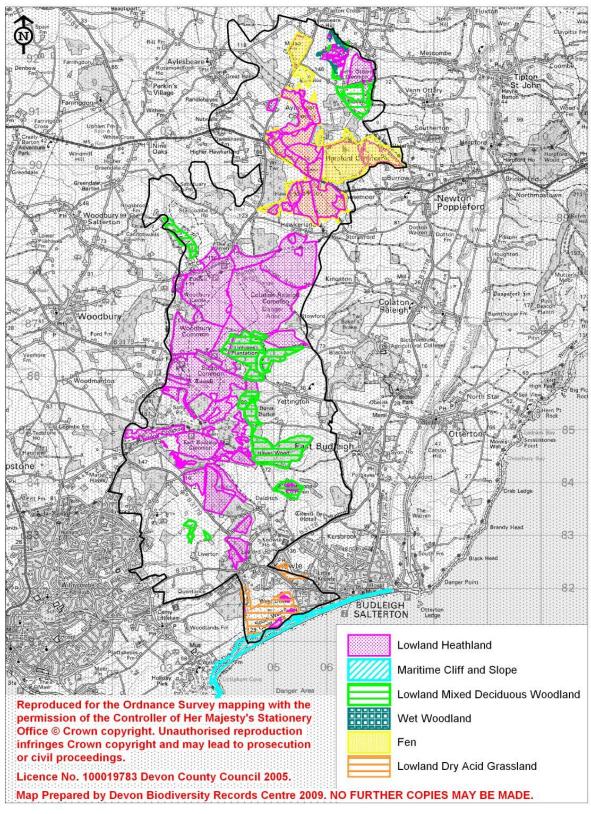
Designated Sites within SNA 368 (2009)





Selected UKBAP Priority Habitats within SNA 368 (2009)





Appendix 1: Legally protected and notable species found within SNA 368

Common name		
45 Khz Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus 45kHz	WCA
a Bat	Chiroptera	WCA
A Long-eared bat	Plecotus	WCA
Adder	Vipera berus	WCA; UKBAP (P)
American Blue-Eyed-Grass	Sisyrinchium montanum	DN1
Annual Knawel	Scleranthus annuus	UKBAP (P); DN1
Badger	Meles meles	WCA
Barn Owl	Tyto alba	WCA; DBAP; Amber
Beaded Chestnut	Agrochola lychnidis	UKBAP (P)
Black Bog-Rush	Schoenus nigricans	DN2
Black-Headed Gull	Larus ridibundus	Amber
Bluebell	Hyacinthoides non-scripta	WCA
Brambling	Fringilla montifringilla	WCA
Brown Argus	Aricia agestis	Decline
Brown Long-Eared Bat	Plecotus auritus	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Buff Ermine	Spilosoma luteum	UKBAP (P)
Bullfinch	Pyrrhula pyrrhula	UKBAP(P); Amber
Bulrush	Schoenoplectus lacustris	DN1
Chalk-hill Blue	Lysandra coridon	WCA; Decline
Cinnabar	Tyria jacobaeae	UKBAP (P)
Cirl Bunting	Emberiza cirlus	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP; Red
		Nb
Cloaked Carpet Common Chamomile	Euphyia biangulata Chamaemelum nobile	
	1	UKBAP (P); NS; DN3
Common Dormouse	Muscardinus avellanarius	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP
Common Frog	Rana temporaria	WCA
Common Gull	Larus canus	Amber
Common Shrew	Sorex araneus	WCA
Common Toad	Bufo bufo	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Corky-Fruited Water-Dropwort	Oenanthe pimpinelloides	DN3
Cormorant	Phalacrocorax carbo	Amber
Corncrake	Crex crex	WCA; UKBAP (P); Red
Cowslip	Primula veris	DN3
Crescent Dart	Agrotis trux lunigera	Nb
Crossbill	Loxia curvirostra	WCA
Cuckoo	Cuculus canorus	UKBAP (P); Red
Curlew	Numenius arquata	UKBAP (P); DBAP; Amber
Dark Green Fritillary	Argynnis aglaja	Decline
Dartford Warbler	Sylvia undata	WCA; Amber
Dingy Skipper	Erynnis tages	UKBAP (P); Decline
Dotted-Border Wave	Idaea sylvestraria	Nb
Downy Emerald	Cordulia aenea	Nb; KeyD (N)
Dunnock	Prunella modularis	Amber
Essex Skipper	Thymelicus lineola	Decline
Fallow Deer	Dama dama	DA
Few-Flowered Spike-Rush	Eleocharis quinqueflora	DN1; DR
Fieldfare	Turdus pilaris	WCA; Red
Fine-Leaved Sheep's-Fescue	Festuca filiformis	DN1
Firecrest	Regulus ignicapillus	WCA; Amber
Floating Spike-Rush	Eleogiton fluitans	DN2
Fringed Water-Lily	Nymphoides peltata	NS; DN1; DR
Fritillary	Fritillaria meleagris	NS
Garden Tiger	Arctia caja	UKBAP (P)
Goldcrest	Regulus regulus	Amber
Golden Oriole	Oriolus oriolus	WCA; Red
Golden Plover	Pluvialis apricaria	Amber

Goldilocks Buttercup	Ranunculus auricomus	DN2
Goshawk	Accipiter gentilis	WCA; Amber
Grass Snake	Natrix natrix	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Grass Vetchling	Lathyrus nissolia	DN1
Grass Wave	Perconia strigillaria	Nb
	Locustella naevia	UKBAP (P); Red
Grasshopper Warbler		
Grayling	Hipparchia semele	UKBAP (P)
Great Black-Backed Gull	Larus marinus	Amber
Great Pond-Sedge	Carex riparia	DN2
Greater Horseshoe Bat	Rhinolophus ferrumequinum	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP
Green Figwort	Scrophularia umbrosa	Nb
Green Hairstreak	Callophrys rubi	Decline
Green Sandpiper	Tringa ochropus	WCA; Amber
Green Woodpecker	Picus viridis	Amber
Greenshank	Tringa nebularia	WCA
Green-Winged Orchid	Orchis morio	DN1
Grey Partridge	Perdix perdix	UKBAP (P); Red
Grey Wagtail	Motacilla cinerea	Amber
Greylag Goose	Anser anser	Amber
Grizzled Skipper	Pyrgus malvae	UKBAP (P); Decline
Hairy Bird's-Foot-Trefoil	Lotus subbiflorus	NS; DN1
Hairy Dragonfly	Brachytron pratense	Nb; KeyD (N)
Hairy Rock-Cress	Arabis hirsuta	DN1
Harebell	Campanula rotundifolia	DN1
Harvest Mouse	Micromys minutus	UKBAP (P)
Hawfinch	Coccothraustes coccothraustes	UKBAP (P); Red
Hay-Scented Buckler-Fern	Dryopteris aemula	DN3
Heath Pearlwort	Sagina subulata	DN3
Hedgehog	Erinaceus europaeus	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Hen Harrier	Circus cyaneus	WCA; Red
Herring Gull	Larus argentatus	Red
High Brown Fritillary	Argynnis adippe	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Hobby	Falco subbuteo	WCA
Honey Buzzard	Pernis apivorus	WCA; Amber
Horse Chestnut	Pachycnemia hippocastanaria	Nb
House Martin	Delichon urbica	Amber
House Sparrow	Passer domesticus	UKBAP (P); Red
Indet. Deer	Cervidae	DA
Ivy Broomrape	Orobanche hederae	NS; DN2
Jack Snipe	Lymnocryptes minimus	Amber
Japanese Knotweed	Fallopia japonica	WCA
Keeled Skimmer	Orthetrum coerulescens	KeyD (N)
Kestrel	Falco tinnunculus	Amber
Kingfisher	Alcedo atthis	WCA; Amber
Knotgrass	Acronicta rumicis	UKBAP (P)
Lapwing	Vanellus vanellus	UKBAP (P); Red
Lesser Black-Backed Gull	Larus fuscus	Amber
Lesser Butterfly-Orchid	Platanthera bifolia	UKBAP (P); DN3
Lesser Horseshoe Bat	Rhinolophus hipposideros	WCA; UKBAP (P)
Lesser Spotted Woodpecker	Dendrocopos minor	Red
Linnet	Carduelis cannabina	UKBAP (P); Red
Little Gull	Larus minutus	WCA
Long-Leaved Sundew	Drosera intermedia	DN2
Mallard	Anas platyrhynchos	Amber
Marsh Tit	Parus palustris	Red
Meadow Pipit	Anthus pratensis	Amber
Merlin	Falco columbarius	WCA; Amber
Mistle Thrush	Turdus viscivorus	Amber

Montogula Haurian	Circus systems	MCA. Ambor	
Montagu's Harrier Circus pygargus		WCA; Amber UKBAP (P)	
Mottled Rustic	Caradrina morpheus		
Mouse Moth	Amphipyra tragopoginis	UKBAP (P)	
Mullein Wave	Scopula marginepunctata	UKBAP (P)	
Mute Swan	Cygnus olor	Amber	
Neglected Rustic	Xestia castanea	UKBAP (P)	
Nightingale	Luscinia megarhynchos	Amber	
Nightjar	Caprimulgus europaeus	UKBAP (P); DBAP; Red	
Osprey	Pandion haliaetus	WCA; Amber	
Otter	Lutra lutra	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP	
Pale Heath Violet	Viola lactea	UKBAP (P); NS; DN2	
Pale Sedge	Carex pallescens	DN2	
Palmate Newt	Triturus helveticus	WCA	
Pearl-bordered Fritillary	Boloria euphrosyne	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP; Nb	
Peregrine	Falco peregrinus	WCA; Amber	
Pied Flycatcher	Ficedula hypoleuca	Amber	
Pipistrelle	Pipistrellus pipistrellus	WCA	
Primrose	Primula vulgaris	DBAP	
Purple Emperor	Apatura iris	WCA; Nb	
Purple Hairstreak	Quercusia quercus	Decline	
Pygmy Shrew	Sorex minutus	WCA	
Quail	Coturnix coturnix	WCA; Amber	
Redpoll	Carduelis flammea	Amber	
Redstart	Phoenicurus phoenicurus	Amber	
Redwing	Turdus iliacus	WCA; Red	
Reed Bunting	Emberiza schoeniclus	UKBAP (P); Amber	
Ring Ouzel	Turdus torquatus	UKBAP (P); Red	
Roe Deer	Capreolus capreolus	DA	
Round-leaved Crowfoot	Ranunculus omiophyllus	DN1	
Ruddy Darter	Sympetrum sanguineum	Nb; KeyD (R)	
Rustic	Hoplodrina blanda	UKBAP (P)	
Sand Martin	Riparia riparia	Amber	
Sea-Buckthorn	Hippophae rhamnoides	NS; DN1	
Serotine	Eptesicus serotinus	WCA	
Sharp Rush	Juncus acutus	NS; DN1	
Short-Eared Owl	Asio flammeus	Amber	
Shoulder-Striped Wainscot	Mythimna comma	UKBAP (P)	
Shoveler	Anas clypeata	Amber	
Silver-Studded Blue	Plebejus argus	WCA; UKBAP (P); Nb	
Skylark	Alauda arvensis	UKBAP (P); Red	
Slow-Worm	Anguis fragilis	WCA; UKBAP (P)	
Small Cudweed	Filago minima	DN1	
Small Grass Emerald	Chlorissa viridata	Na	
Small Heath	Coenonympha pamphilus	UKBAP (P)	
Small Pearl-Bordered Fritillary	Boloria selene selene	UKBAP (P); Decline	
Small Red Damselfly	Ceriagrion tenellum	Nb; KeyD (N)	
Small Square-Spot	Diarsia rubi	UKBAP (P)	
Smooth Brome	Bromus racemosus	DN2	
Snipe	Gallinago gallinago	Amber	
Song Thrush	Turdus philomelos	UKBAP (P); Red	
Southern Damselfly	Coenagrion mercuriale	WCA; UKBAP (P); DBAP; KeyD (I)	
Spotted Flycatcher	Muscicapa striata	UKBAP (P); Red	
· · ·	·	Red	
Starling Stock Dove	Sturnus vulgaris		
	Columba oenas	Amber	
Stonechat	Saxicola torquata	Amber	
Swallow	Hirundo rustica	Amber	
Swift	Apus apus	Amber	
Teal	Anas crecca	Amber	

Three-lobed water-crowfoot	Ranunculus tripartitus	UKBAP (P); DN1	
Tree Pipit	Anthus trivialis	UKBAP (P); Red	
Tree Sparrow	Passer montanus	UKBAP (P); Red	
Tubular Water-Dropwort	Oenanthe fistulosa	UKBAP (P); DN1; DR	
Turtle Dove	Streptopelia turtur	UKBAP (P); Red	
Usnea florida	Usnea florida	UKBAP (P)	
Variable Blue Damselfly	Coenagrion pulchellum	Nb	
Viviparous Lizard	Lacerta vivipara	WCA; UKBAP (P)	
Wall Brown	Lasiommata megera	UKBAP (P)	
Water Rail	Rallus aquaticus	Amber	
Water Shrew	Neomys fodiens	WCA	
Wheatear	Oenanthe oenanthe	Amber	
Whimbrel	Numenius phaeopus	WCA; Red	
Whinchat	Saxicola rubetra	Amber	
White Admiral	Ladoga camilla	Decline	
White Beak-Sedge	Rhynchospora alba	DN2	
White Ermine	Spilosoma lubricipeda	UKBAP (P)	
White Sedge	Carex curta	DN1; DR	
White Water-Lily	Nymphaea alba	DN1	
White-Legged Damselfly	Platycnemis pennipes	Nb; KeyD (N)	
Whitethroat	Sylvia communis	Amber	
Willow Tit	Parus montanus	Red	
Willow Warbler	Phylloscopus trochilus	Amber	
Wood Cricket	Nemobius sylvestris	Na	
Wood Warbler	Phylloscopus sibilatrix	UKBAP (P); Red	
Wood White	Leptidea sinapis	WCA; UKBAP (P); Nb	
Woodcock	Scolopax rusticola	Amber	
Woodlark	Lullula arborea	WCA; UKBAP (P); Amber	
Wryneck	Jynx torquilla	WCA; UKBAP (P); Red	
Yellow Water-Lily	Nuphar lutea	DN1	
Yellowhammer	Emberiza citrinella	UKBAP (P); Red	

WCA Wildlife and Countryside Act (1981)

DA Deer Act 1991: deer protected under the Deer Act.

UKBAP(P) UK Priority Species (Short and Middle Lists - UK Biodiversity steering

Group Report 1995) i.e. species that are globally threatened and rapidly declining in the UK (by more than 50% in the last 25 years). Has a Species

Action Plan.

DBAP Devon Biodiversity Action Plan species: these have been identified as

species of key conservation concern in Devon.

NS Nationally Scarce: 15-100 10km squares in Atlas of British Flora 1962.

Devon Notable Species: Selected species recorded from over 50 2km squares in the Atlas of Devon Flora 1984 (R.B. Ivimey-Cook, Department of Biological Sciences, The University of Exeter).

DN1 Devon Notable¹: 1-25 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

DN2 Devon Notable²: 26-50 2 km squares in Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

DN3 Devon Notable³: Selected species recorded from over 50 2 km squares in

Atlas of Devon Flora 1984.

DR Devon Rarity: native species recorded from 3 or fewer localities within

Devon.

Na Nationally Notable A: known from 30 or fewer 10km squares. Taken from

the Invertebrate Site Register.

Nb Nationally Notable B: known from 100 or fewer 10km squares. Taken

from the Invertebrate Site Register.

Decline Substantial local decline in Devon

Red List Bird species of high conservation concern, such as those whose population

or range is rapidly declining, recently or historically, and those of global

conservation concern.

Amber List Bird species of medium conservation concern, such as those whose

population is in moderate decline, rare breeders, internationally important and localised species and those of unfavourable conservation status in

Europe.

KeyD (I) Internationally Important Key Dragonfly Species: those which are rare

in Great Britain (RDB3 and found in less than 1% of the 10km squares in

Britain) i.e. Southern damselfly (Coenagrion mercuriale).

KeyD (N) Nationally Important Key Dragonfly Species: those which have been

recorded in less than 10% of 10km squares in Britain. Those occurring in Devon are White-legged damselfly (Playcnemis pennipes) Scarce bluetailed damselfly (Ischnura pumilio) Small red damselfly (Ceriagrion tenellum) Hairy dragonfly (Bracytron pratense) Downy emerald (Cordulia

aenea) and Keeled skimmer (Orthoetrum coerulescens).

KeyD (R) Regionally Important Key Dragonfly Species: those which have been

recorded in 10-20% of the 10km squares in Britain: Red-eyed damselfly

(Erythromma najas) and Ruddy darter (Sympetrum sanguineum).