

Common Clubtail

Gomphus vulgatissimus

Species Action Plan

1. Introduction

The common clubtail dragonfly is listed on the GB Red List as Near Threatened in Britain (occurring in 120 10km national grid squares). In Worcestershire the dragonfly has been recorded in 15 10km squares representing 19% of the national dagoos

Loss of nearby woodland where pairing takes place.

The BDS ran a 3 year national common clubtail survey between 2017 and 2019 in order to assess the changes to its range and status. There are other areas in the country where the species has shown declines and it is hoped that analysis of the national data will help with understanding why there have been losses on the River Avon.

The BDS is currently requesting records towards the publication of a State of Dragonflies 2020 report.

5. Associated Plans

Rivers and Streams, Wet Woodland, Scrub, Woodland, Traditional Orchard, Hedgerows.

6. Conservation Aim

The species has maintained or increased its range and abundance within the county and any negative change in its distribution has been researched and explained

7. Conservation Objectives

Raise awareness of the species and its ecology amongst riparian landowners and anglers to encourage appropriate habitat management and recording

Ensure the species is considered in any operational river work by riparian land owners and NGO's

Continue with annual survey work on county rivers

Investigate the potential reasons for the species' sudden loss from the River Avon

References and further information

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