

Brit Valley BCA

Key species

The following table lists species of conservation concern found within the BCA.

Abbreviations:

S41 = Section 41 species of Principal Importance list in the NERC Act (2006)

IUCN Red List categories:

NT = Near Threatened

VU = Vulnerable

EN = Endangered

CR = Critically Endangered

Rarity:

NR = Nationally Rare (1-15 10-km squares in Britain)

NS = Nationally Scarce (16-100 10-km squares in Britain)


Dorset Status:

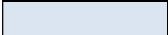
DR = Dorset Rare

DS = Dorset Scarce


DN = Dorset Notable

Key

 = Section 41 species of Principal Importance

 = Red Listed species with IUCN categories CR, EN, VU & NT

 = Nationally Scarce or Nationally Rare species

 = Dorset Rare or Scarce species, declining in the county or particularly characteristic of the BCA

Key species in Brit Valley BCA:

Group:	Species	Status	Broad Habitat	Priority habitat	
Plants	Bulbous Foxtail <i>Alopecurus bulbosus</i>	NS	Coastlands	Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	The largest Dorset population in a brackish field at West Bay
Plants	Quaking-grass <i>Briza media</i>	NT	Grassland	Lowland Meadows	Rare in unimproved grassland
Plants	Divided Sedge <i>Carex divisa</i>	S41, VU	Coastlands	Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	Several small populations in brackish grassland near West Bay
Plants	Thin-spiked Wood-sedge <i>Carex strigosa</i>		Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	By streams in damp woodland
Plants	English Eyebright <i>Euphrasia anglica</i>	S41; EN	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	One site in acid grassland
Plants	Field Scabious <i>Knautia arvensis</i>	NT	Grassland	Lowland Calcareous Grassland	
Plants	Bog Pimpernel <i>Lysimachia tenella</i>		Grasslands	Purple Moor-grass & Rush-pasture	Scarce in West Dorset
Plants	Herb Paris <i>Paris quadrifolia</i>		Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	One site in woodland near Beaminster
Plants	Hoary Plantain <i>Plantago media</i>	NT	Grassland	Lowland Calcareous Grassland	
Plants	Tormentil <i>Potentilla erecta</i>	NT	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Plants	Stiff Saltmarsh Grass <i>Puccinellia rupestris</i>	NS	Coastlands	Coastal & floodplain grazing marsh	Rare on brackish ground at West Bay
Plants	Ragged Robin <i>Silene flos-cuculi</i>	NT	Grassland	Purple Moor-grass & Rush-pasture	Scarce in marshy grassland
Plants	Devil's-bit Scabious <i>Succisa pratensis</i>	NT	Grassland	Lowland Meadows	Rare in unimproved grassland
Plants	Common Valerian <i>Valeriana officinalis</i>	NT	Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	
Plants	Marsh Valerian <i>Valeriana dioica</i>	NT	Woodland	Purple Moor-grass & Rush-pasture	Rare in basic marshy grassland
Fungi	Hazel Gloves <i>Hypocreopsis rhododendri</i>	S41	Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	One of two current Dorset sites
Fungi	<i>Clavulinopsis umbrinella</i> Beige Coral		Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Cuphophyllus flavipes</i> Yellowfoot Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Gliophorus aff.perplexus</i>		Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	Recently found new to Dorset in the area
Fungi	<i>Entoloma porphyrophaeum</i> Lilac Pinkgill	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Entoloma prunuloides</i> Mealy Pinkgill	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Hygrocybe aurantiosplendens</i> Orange Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Hygrocybe calyptriformis</i> Pink Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Hygrocybe punicea</i> Scarlet Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Hygrocybe splendidissima</i> Splendid Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Neohygrocybe nitrata</i> Nitrous Waxcap	VU	Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	
Fungi	<i>Ramariopsis robusta</i> Ivory Coral		Grassland	Lowland Dry Acid Grassland	One of three current Dorset sites
Lichens	<i>Physcia tribacioides</i>	S41; VU; WCA	Farm & village		
Lichens	<i>Physcia clementei</i>	NT	Farm & village		On limestone headstones in a

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					churchyard
Lichens	<i>Bacidia incompta</i>	S41; VU	Farm		
Lichens	<i>Bactrospora corticola</i>		Woodland		
Lichens	<i>Inoderma subabietinum</i>		Woodland		
Invertebrates	Dingy Skipper <i>Erynnis tages</i>	S41	Grassland		One recent site in the area
Invertebrates	Wall <i>Lasiommata megera</i>	S41; NT	Grassland		
Invertebrates	Small Heath <i>Coenonympha pamphilus</i>	S41; VU	Grassland		
Invertebrates	Silver-washed Fritillary <i>Argynnis paphia</i>		Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	Scarce in the area
Invertebrates	White Letter Hairstreak <i>Satyrrium w-album</i>	S41, EN	Farm & village		
Invertebrates	<i>Nomada ferruginata</i> Yellow-shouldered Nomad Bee		Farm & village		Very few Dorset records. Targets the nests of <i>Andrena praecox</i>
Birds	Barn Owl <i>Tyto alba</i>		Farm & village		Several recent records
Birds	Starling <i>Sturnus vulgaris</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village		
Birds	Song Thrush <i>Turdus philomelos</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village	Hedgerows	
Birds	Skylark <i>Alauda arvensis</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village		
Birds	Spotted Flycatcher <i>Muscicapa striata</i>	S41, Red	Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland	
Birds	Dunnock <i>Prunella modularis</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village		
Birds	House Sparrow <i>Passer domesticus</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village		
Birds	Linnet <i>Carduelis cannabina</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village		
Birds	Bullfinch <i>Pyrrhula pyrrhula</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village	Hedgerows	
Birds	Yellowhammer <i>Emberiza citrinella</i>	S41, Red	Farm & village	Hedgerows	
Birds	Grey Wagtail <i>Montacilla cinerea</i>	Red	Wetlands	Rivers	
Birds	Dipper <i>Cinclus cinclus</i>	Amber	Wetlands	Rivers	
Reptiles	Slow Worm <i>Anguis fragilis</i>	S41	Farm & village		
Reptiles	Grass Snake <i>Natrix natrix</i>	S41	Farm & village		
Mammals	Hedgehog <i>Erinaceus europaeus</i>	S41, VU	Farm & village		
Mammals	Hare <i>Lepus europaeus</i>	S41	Farm & village		
Mammals	Dormouse <i>Muscardinus avellanarius</i>	S41, VU	Woodland	Lowland Mixed Deciduous Woodland Hedgerows	
Mammals	Harvest Mouse <i>Micromys minutus</i>	S41			
Mammals	Water Vole <i>Arvicola amphibius</i>	S41, EN	Wetlands	Rivers	
Mammals	Polecat <i>Mustela putorius</i>	S41	Farm & village		

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Mammals	Otter <i>Lutra lutra</i>	S41	Farm & village	Rivers	
Mammals	Noctule <i>Nyctalus noctula</i>	S41			
Mammals	Brown Long-eared Bat <i>Plecotus auritus</i>	S41	Farm & village		
Mammals	Lesser Horseshoe Bat <i>Rhinolophus hipposideros</i>	S41			