

Progress Report: DINGY SKIPPER (adopted 2003)

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OBJECTIVES	Target	Progress with Targets (based on progress with actions reported between 2005-7)	Target Progress	Progress Summary	Plan Progress
A. Increase the level of monitoring so that more sites are covered (at least to the level of spot checks, timed visits or species transects) and collate the results to establish population status and distribution	2003 onwards	<p>Target achieved</p> <p>Warwickshire Branch of BC have developed a monitoring system to ensure that all sites are covered on at least every 5 years.</p>	↑	<p>Reasonable progress. Awareness of the species and its habitat requirement has certainly been raised amongst key landowners and managers and this should have a knock on effect on future management and protection of sites. Some areas have received more attention than others namely Nuneaton and Bedworth and North Warwickshire / Tamworth area due to their inclusion in a BC brownfields project. Large number of sites for this species, difficulty with access to sites, small population sizes and short recording season, make population assessments difficult. However, no known colonies are thought to have been lost since 2003.</p>	↑
B. Encourage the protection and appropriate management of sites where dingy skipper occurs and ensure that any management at known sites is sensitive to the habitat requirements of the butterfly	ongoing	<p>Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>BC's brownfields project has provided advice to some landowners in the area. A training event in 2006 targeted County Council rangers and other landowners</p>	↑		
C. Publicise the habitat requirements of this butterfly to landowners and other interested parties involved in their conservation and give advice on beneficial management	By 2005	<p>Target achieved</p> <p>Awareness of the species with local authorities and landowners of key sites has been raised through meetings, training events and site reports.</p>	↑		
D. To halt the decline of dingy skipper and expand its range	By 2010	<p>Some progress (on schedule)</p> <p>Landowners of core colonies have been made aware of the existence of the species and advice has been given on appropriate management.</p>	↑		
E. Develop a better understanding of the ecological requirements of this species and the best management practices	By 2010	<p>Target exceeded (due to plan action)</p> <p>Management is being undertaken and monitored at a number of sites in the County including Ryton Meadows Nature Reserve and Mancetter Quarry. Trial habitat creation plots have been established and are being monitored in other parts of the Midlands and these will help to improve good practice nationally.</p>	↑		