

Habitat management for the White-spotted Pinion

Loss of elm trees through Dutch Elm Disease is the biggest threat to this moth and other elm associated species, such as the White-letter Hairstreak *Satyrrium w-album* butterfly. Management should aim to contain the spread of this disease, and to encourage elm in woodland and hedgerows.

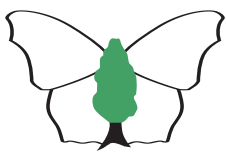
- ◆ Retain healthy elm trees wherever possible. Mature elm stands, hedgerows or even single mature trees are of very high conservation importance.
- ◆ If elm trees are suspected to be infected with Dutch Elm Disease (first signs are leaf browning) seek expert advice. In positive cases the trees should be felled and debarked to prevent the spread of elm bark beetle, which carries the disease.
- ◆ Where possible allow re-growth from tree stumps if infected trees have been cut down, and take any necessary action to avoid re-infection.

Please contact Butterfly Conservation if the species is suspected to be present on a site.

How to survey/monitor

Adults come to light and larvae can be found by beating elm shoots.

right Ideal woodland edge habitat
below Ideal hedgerow habitat



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