



## Habitat management for the Forester

This species occurs in a variety of habitats and its precise requirements are poorly understood. However, open conditions are needed, with a good supply of nectar sources within close proximity of the larval foodplant. This is probably best maintained on many grassland sites through grazing, but with a break in summer aiming to retain floristic diversity and ensuring the availability of nectar sources. In the Brecks, ground disturbance through, for example, rotovation has created nectar rich habitats frequented by the adult, with Sheep's Sorrel also appearing in some plots.

### How to survey/monitor

The adult can be readily found by day, particularly in sunny conditions. As a consequence these can be counted as part of a traditional butterfly transect, or timed counts could be undertaken to assess how a population is faring. Care should be taken as, despite their iridescent colour, adults can be easily overlooked.

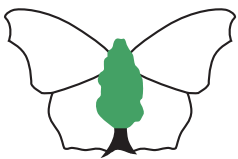


above Forester habitat in Argyll



top Damp grassland habitat for Forester in Dorset

bottom Habitat in the Brecks with nectar plants utilised by the Forester



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