

Habitat management for the Reddish Buff

The main aim is to maintain a continuity of open areas with abundant Saw-wort.

- ◆ Open areas should be maintained by periodic scrub removal or cutting back of ride edges within woodlands. Any cutting should be undertaken in rotation, with only a portion of the site cut in any one year.
- ◆ It has been suggested that best Saw-wort growth may be achieved if scrub is physically pulled up by the roots and the soil disturbed and scarified.
- ◆ The moth can possibly tolerate extremely light grazing, but it is probably best avoided altogether until more is known about suitable habitat management.

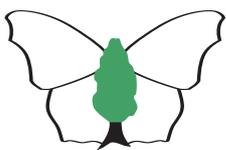
Please contact Butterfly Conservation if the species is suspected to be present on a site.

How to survey/monitor

The best method is light-trapping for adults, though the species can also be found as a larva. A licence will be required to search for this species.



top right Reddish Buff larva
above Desired vegetation structure
with Saw-wort
right Open heathland provides suitable habitat



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