

Name: **Balsam carpet moth**

Xanthorhoe biriviata

UK status: Rare, RDB3 (Shirt, 1987).

London status: Extremely local resident (2 sites). Category 4 (Plant, 1993)

Protected status: None

Relevant London HAPs: Woodland; Rivers & Streams

Citation:

This moth was added to the British list when it was discovered at Denham Lock Wood (LB Hillingdon) in 1955, where it is still resident. A second, smaller population was found in Pett's Wood (LB Bromley) in the late 1980s. The larval foodplant includes several species of (non-native) balsam *Impatiens spp.*
Managing authorities; Hillingdon Borough Council/London Wildlife Trust, National Trust.



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Conservation priorities:

- Monitor known colonies at Denham Lock and Pett's Woods
- Maintain colonies through balanced sympathetic habitat management
- Protect any new colonies emerging from further survey

References:

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