

Name:**Buttoned snout moth***Hypena rostralis***UK status:**[UK BAP Priority](#). Nationally scarce (Shirt, 1987); sharply declining.**London status:**

Widespread but local resident. Category 2E (Plant 1993)

Protected status:

Legal; none. 'Species of principal importance for the conservation of biological diversity in England' (CRoW Act, 2000)

Relevant London HAPs:

Woodland; Wasteland; Parks and Green Spaces; Built structures

Citation:

This moth was formerly widespread throughout much of England and South Wales. It has declined markedly however and is now restricted to river basins and estuarine sites in southeast England. The Thames basin is a national stronghold and there are records from a significant proportion of London boroughs. Buttoned snout larvae feed on hop, which is a common plant of waysides and wasteland sites but as adults do not often come to light traps the moth is likely to be under-recorded. A flagship species for the Wasteland HAP. Managing authorities; various. Local authorities (street cleansing and highways departments) have an important role in sensitive wayside management.



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Conservation priorities:

- Targeted larval surveys to enhance distributional data
- Monitor known colonies
- Maintain known colonies through careful habitat management
- Protect any new colonies emerging from further survey

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