

Name:

Pale shining brown moth

Polia bombycina

UK status:

[UK BAP Priority](#). Local (Shirt, 1987); sharp decline.

London status:

Very rare resident; probably extinct. Category 4 (Plant, 1993)

Protected status:

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

Relevant London HAPs:

Chalk grassland; Woodland

Citation:

This moth was formerly widely recorded in southern and eastern England. Its ecology is still poorly-understood, but it is associated with scrub and woodland in chalky districts and was regularly recorded in Croydon and Bromley during the 1950s. The last record in Greater London was from the Selsdon area, in 1981, where it may just remain as a resident species.



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Conservation priorities:

- Targeted survey in former range boroughs
- Protect any colonies emerging from targeted surveys [would address UK SAP target **T2**]

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