

Name:**Toadflax brocade moth***Calophasia lunula***UK status:**[UK BAP Priority](#). Rare, RDB3 (Shirt, 1987).**London status:**

Very rare; possibly temporary (1 site).

Protected status:

None

Relevant London HAPs:

Acid grassland; Wasteland; Parks and Green Spaces

Citation:

Nationally a very rare moth, with its stronghold in several sites supporting sparsely-vegetated shingle habitat on the south-east coast of England. The larval foodplant includes various species of toadflax *Linaria spp.* Occasionally the moth establishes temporary inland colonies and one of these was discovered in London at Greenwich Park (LB Greenwich) in 2004. It has also been recently recorded at a moth-trap in Wembley (LB Brent). Managing authorities; The Royal Parks.



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Conservation priorities:

- Monitor colony at Greenwich Park
- Maintain colony through balanced sympathetic habitat management
- Protect any new colonies emerging from further survey

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