



## Habitat management for the Dark Crimson Underwing

The overall aim is to retain large tracts of mature and veteran oaks in open woodland situations.

- ◆ Mature oak stands should be retained wherever possible as this habitat is of high conservation value and home to many important species.
- ◆ Aim to provide a continuity of supply of mature oak trees, including mature oak in open conditions.
- ◆ The adult moth is readily recorded at artificial bait and at sap runs, suggesting that sap runs may be important for this species in its natural habitat.

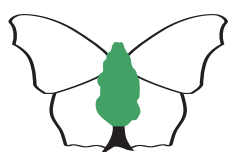
### How to survey/monitor

The adults are particularly attracted to artificial bait, such as sugar and wine ropes, and will also come to sap runs and light-traps.



above Dark Crimson Underwing larva

below Ideal woodland with large oak trees



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