

Species Factsheet

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Cicindela campestris

Green Tiger Beetle



Description: A large, bright green beetle with creamy-white spots on its wing cases. It has long brown legs with whitish hairs and ranges from 10-15mm in length.

Lifecycle: Adults breed in summer and are found from late April to early September. Both adults and larvae are predatory. Larvae dig burrows in the soil from which they can ambush their prey, while adults actively hunt other invertebrates.

Habitat: Lowland heathland with extensive bare and sandy ground and patches of tall heather. Also increasingly found on brownfield sites.

Distribution: Occurs throughout Great Britain and is also relatively widespread in continental Europe.

Status: Common.

Reasons for decline: Whilst this species is still widespread in Great Britain, its traditional heathland habitat is in decline. Over the last few decades, much of this heathland has been converted for agriculture, forestry and development, while areas that remain often suffer from scrub encroachment, reducing the availability of bare ground.

What we are doing:

- Setting up a monitoring network of volunteers to survey for the beetle, to make sure that numbers are not declining
- Investigating the habitat requirements of the beetle

What you can do:

- If you live locally, volunteer to survey for the beetles or to become a site monitor
- Become a species supporter and help fund the project

Conservation Status:

Common

Threat of extinction:

Low

Main Threats:

Decline in
quality and
extent of
heathland