



## Species Recovery Trust Summer Newsletter

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### New Forest Cicadas arrive in the UK



We have had a hugely exciting summer on our cicada project, with the arrival of 11 female cicadas from France. The cicadas were released into their enclosures at Paultons Park where they have now laid eggs in the bracken and hawthorn. We will be watching the eggs closely and keeping our fingers crossed that some of them will hatch in the coming weeks.

We also returned to Slovenia to work with our partners in Idrija Geopark, who are trying to find out more about the species and raise the profile of the cicada in Slovenia.

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**Critically endangered Welsh Groundsel struggles on**





Over the last two years, we have been surveying the current and historic sites for this enigmatic endemic species. We wanted to get a complete picture of how this critically endangered species is faring - sadly it is not good news, with no plants at any of the 12 historic sites. But now we know the complete picture, we can plan how to protect it for the future, including by ensuring the five remaining sites are in good condition.

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## **Grapefruits, Mosses & Springs: Hope for the Green Barred Colonel**



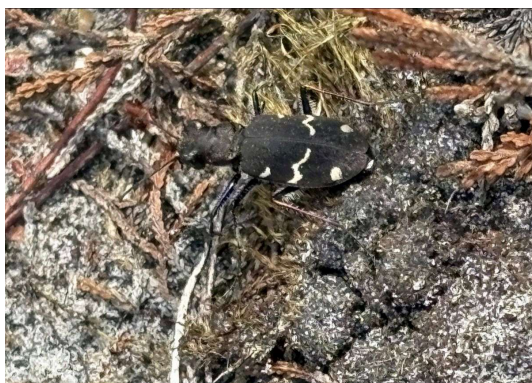
In Dalby Forest within the North Yorkshire Moors, a tiny green soldierfly is sparking a conservation movement. The Green Barred Colonel *Odontomyia hydroleon*, Britain's rarest insect, survives on a single site—and thanks to an ambitious partnership project, its future is looking brighter.

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## Heath Tiger Beetles enjoying the sun

You may remember that for the last few years we have been running a captive breeding project for Heath Tiger Beetles. It was amazing to see two male beetles emerge as adults this year in captivity! And a big thank you to all our volunteers who have been helping with surveys this year.





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## **New discoveries of Dwarf Milkwort in the North while reintroductions provide hope in the South**



Our survey work for Dwarf Milkwort continues in the North. As part of this work, we have made some really exciting discoveries of new sites.

In the South, existing populations are struggling, but our reintroduction efforts are starting to have a positive impact in bringing the species back to some of its historic sites.



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## **Time for training**

Our 2025 field training programme is now fully underway, and has seen a large expansion due to an increase in bespoke booking by companies. There have been some challenging days with soaring temperatures and people having to learn the ability to identify plants when they are slightly shrivelled, but all in all it has been a fantastic few months. For anyone interested there are still some places on our Autumn programme, and our online training runs all year round, for people who prefer to do their learning out of the glare of the sun!



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