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The Dotted bee-fly (*Bombylius discolor* Mikan 1796) report on the survey and research work undertaken in 1999 and 2003

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Introduction

This uncommon UK BAP fly is a little understood species. This ENRR details the autecological work undertaken, via an English Nature contract with the author, on it between 1999 and 2003.

What was done

Detailed autecological study included site survey to record adults, creation of artificial breeding sites and a follow up analysis of the results.

Results and conclusions

The fly has been found to be on the increase in southern and western parts of England. It has been suggested that this increase is due to climate changes. The species is now far commoner than it has previously been suggested.

English Nature's viewpoint

This work has added greatly to our knowledge of this species and will inform future conservation priorities for it.

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