

A guide to the facts and figures about Exmoor National Park

THE NATIONAL PARK

Area: 69,280 ha (171,189 acres) [267sq mls] (29% in Devon, 71% in Somerset)
 Population: 10,973 (2001 census) 73% is in Somerset and 27% in Devon.

DID YOU KNOW? National Parks in Britain are not nationally owned.
 Three quarters of Exmoor is privately owned.

LANDSCAPE

DID YOU KNOW? Not all of Exmoor is moorland: in fact only just over a quarter of the National Park is moor and heath.

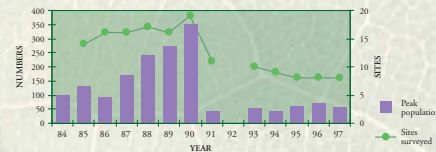
Land use (area)	% of Park
Farmland	55.8
Moorland (also farmed)	27.5
Woodland	12.2
Cliff and foreshore	1.1
Urban area	0.9
Water (ponds, reservoirs)	0.2
Other (roads, gardens etc)	2.3

DID YOU KNOW? Exmoor is still relatively wild. Compared with England as a whole it has a higher proportion of semi-natural habitats, including moor and heath, woodland, cliff and foreshore.

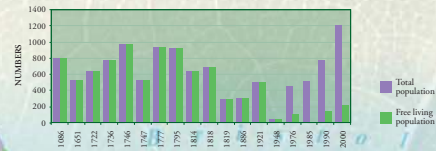


Heath fritillary

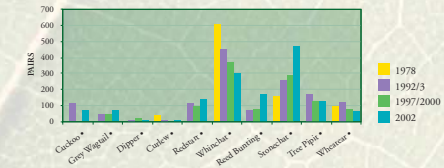
Heath fritillary populations on Exmoor



Exmoor pony population



Populations of common moorland birds on Exmoor



WOODLAND

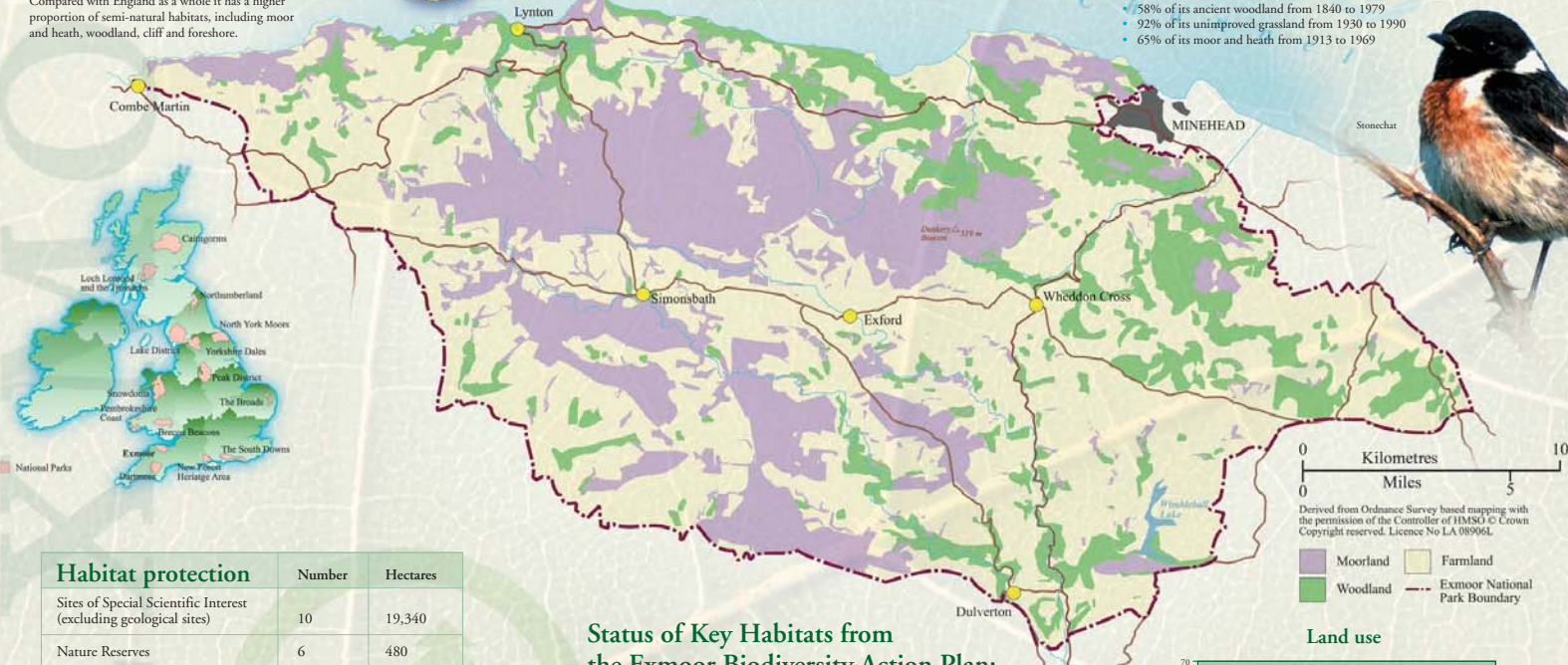
- 58% of Exmoor's woodland is broadleaved, including 2% broadleaved plantation
- 36% is commercial conifer plantations and 6% mixed woodland. The broadleaved woodland is a lower proportion than the national average – 66% in England

HABITATS

- DID YOU KNOW?** Exmoor has lost:
- 58% of its ancient woodland from 1840 to 1979
 - 92% of its unimproved grassland from 1930 to 1990
 - 65% of its moor and heath from 1913 to 1969



Stonechat



Habitat protection	Number	Hectares
Sites of Special Scientific Interest (excluding geological sites)	10	19,340
Nature Reserves	6	480

Status of Key Habitats from the Exmoor Biodiversity Action Plan:

- 480ha of high quality blanket bog
- 3,874 of bracken and 724ha of scrub
- 1,500ha of lowland heath
- 212ha of species rich neutral grassland on 93 sites
- 2 parkland SSSIs cover 824ha. About 1,000 veteran trees have been identified
- 7,000ha of upland heath

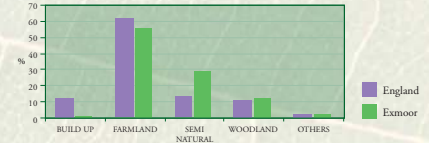
Status of Key Species from the Exmoor Biodiversity Action Plan:

- ballerina wax-cap fungus is found on 8 sites
- dormouse has been recorded at 8 sites on Exmoor
- heath fritillary butterfly is currently recorded from 13 sites
- high brown fritillary butterfly occurs at 11 sites
- 4 species of lungwort lichens
- Nightjars 33 pairs at 20 sites
- 7 species of whitebeam trees occur on 21 sites



Dormouse

Land use



Land use change on Exmoor

