

Southern Iron Blue *Baetis niger*

Order: Ephemeroptera (Upwing flies/Mayflies) Family: Baetidae



The Southern iron blue *Baetis niger* is perhaps one of the best known of the upwing flies occurring in rivers throughout mainland England, Wales and Scotland. It has however suffered a dramatic decline in numbers. The streamlined nymphs are found in clean streams and rivers, often amongst weed in riffles, at the river margins, or swimming in short bursts amongst stones. The nymphs feed on algae and small organic material. Adults emerge during the day and swarms can be seen throughout the day until dusk.



Help find this riverfly

This Biodiversity Action Plan species has been prioritised for conservation action by the Government. The Ephemeroptera Recording Scheme needs to know where this important species occurs. At the same time river habitats need to be improved and conservation work undertaken.

This riverfly needs your help!

To find out how to submit records and get involved visit: www.riverflies.org



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