

## Taxon Report

for

**the spider**

*Amaurobius similis*



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**Name: Amaurobius similis**

Authority: (Blackwall, 1861)

Order: Arachnida: Araneae

Family: Amaurobiidae

Records: 3989

First Record: 1893

Latest Record: 2018

1992-on hectads: 693

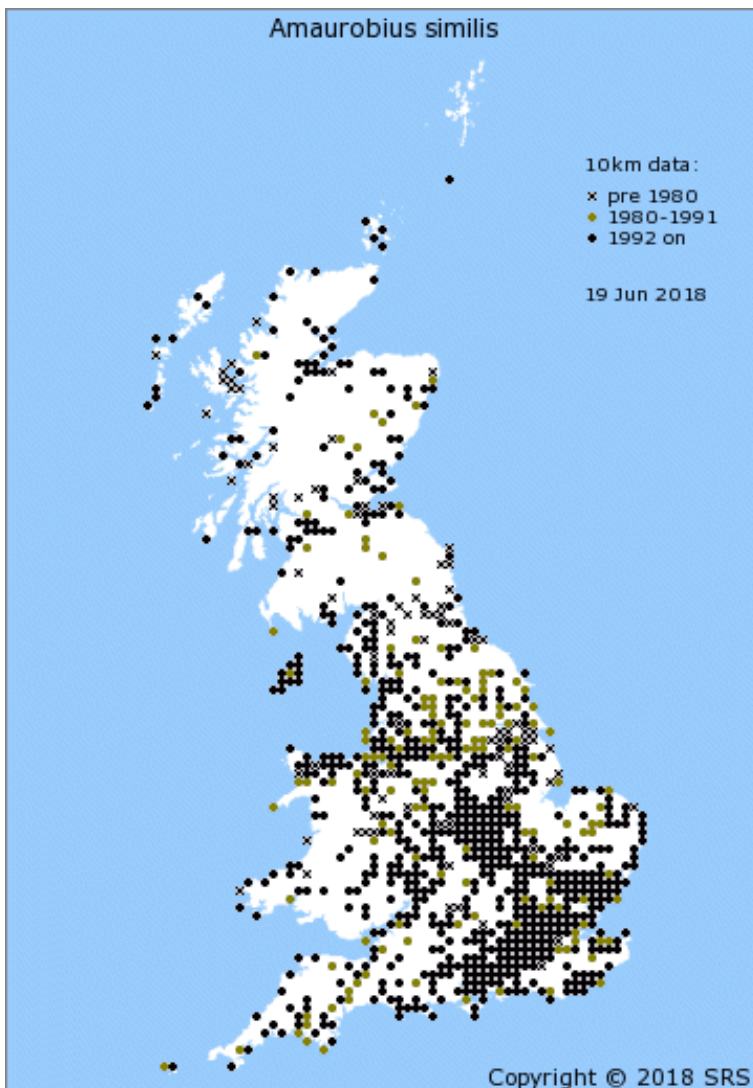
Pre-1992 hectads: 446

Total hectads: 930

Identification difficulty: 3

Adult voucher specimen needs checking under magnification and good lighting. The Recording Scheme would accept records from experienced recorders without further question unless the date, region or habitat was especially unusual. Voucher specimen should be retained. Records accepted from known experienced recorders.

ID notes: May be confused with lighter specimens of *Amaurobius ferox*



## About this species

### Recorded altitude range

0m to 600m

### Distribution

The species is widespread in most of England and Wales, becoming more scattered in Scotland. It is a Holarctic species that is widely distributed in north-western Europe.

### Habitat and ecology

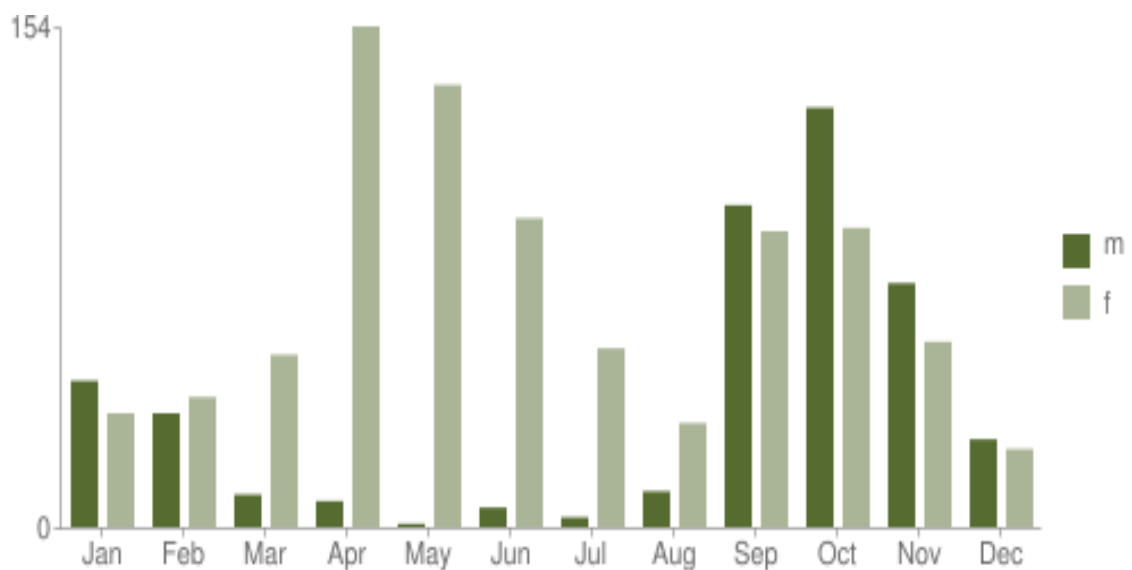
The spider probably occurs in almost every house and outhouse in the country. It makes its characteristic web of cribellate silk in cracks in the brickwork, under the eaves, under undisturbed rubble or debris and between cracks in wooden sheds and fences, etc. (Roberts 1995). Channels carrying cords for sash windows are a favoured retreat inside houses (J. Newton, pers. comm.). It is also occasionally found under bark in more natural habitats like woods especially where these are near habitation. It is possible that it replaces *A. fenestralis* in these situations. Adults occur throughout the year but both sexes peak in the autumn, and females are recorded again in numbers during the spring and early summer.

### Status

to be written

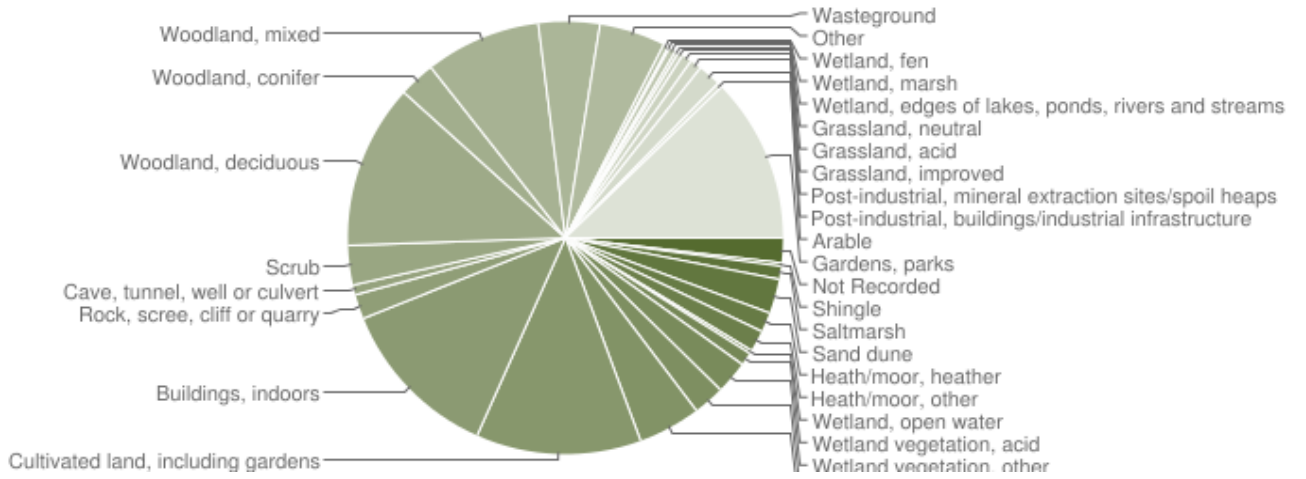
## Adult season

Adult Season Data (based on 1150 records with adult season information)

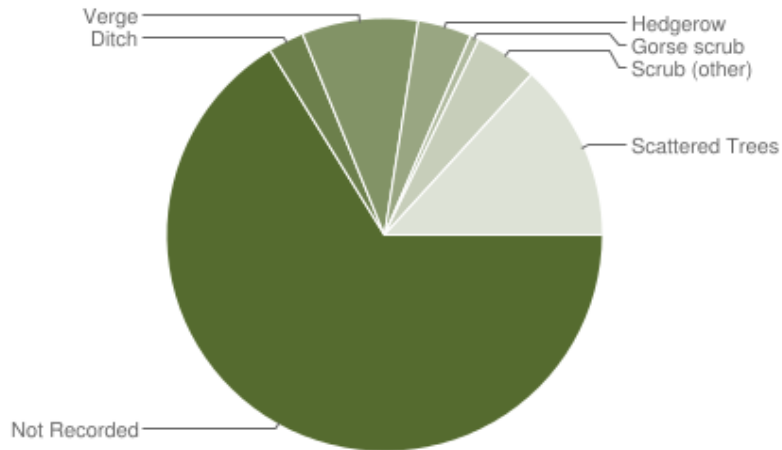


# Habitats

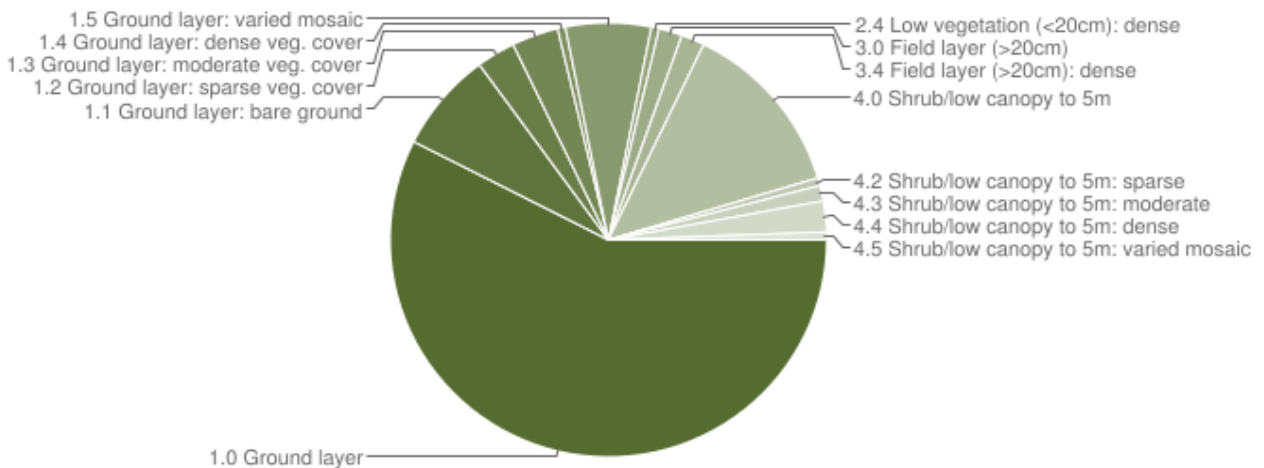
Recorded broad habitats, based on 1487 habitat records



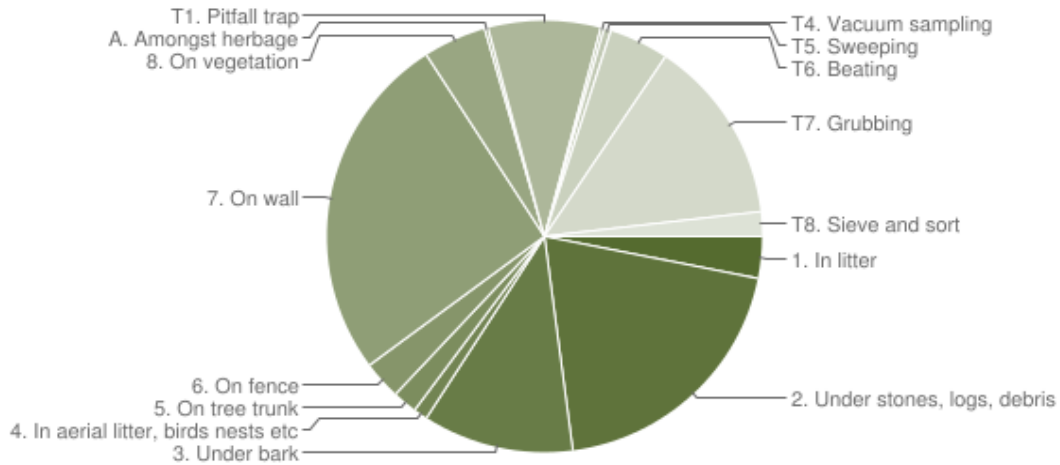
Recorded subhabitats, based on 51 subhabitat records



Recorded structural habitats, based on 180 structural habitat records

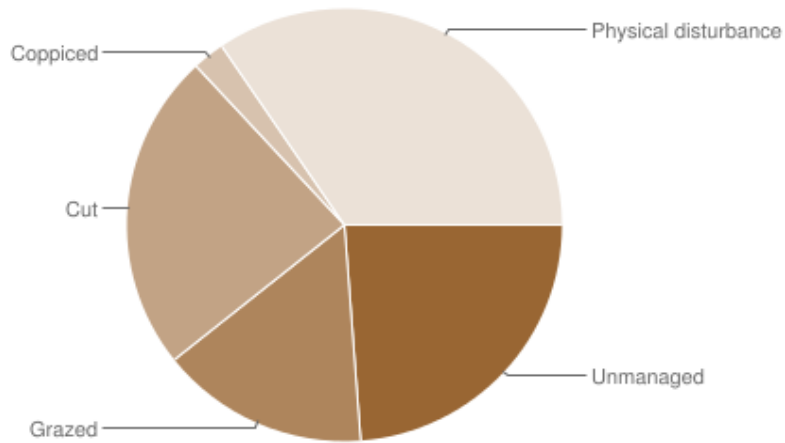


Habitat Detail and Method, based on 525 habitat detail and method records

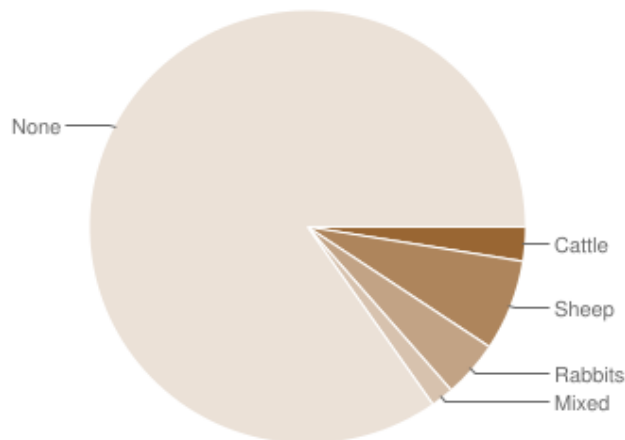


Recorded management in place

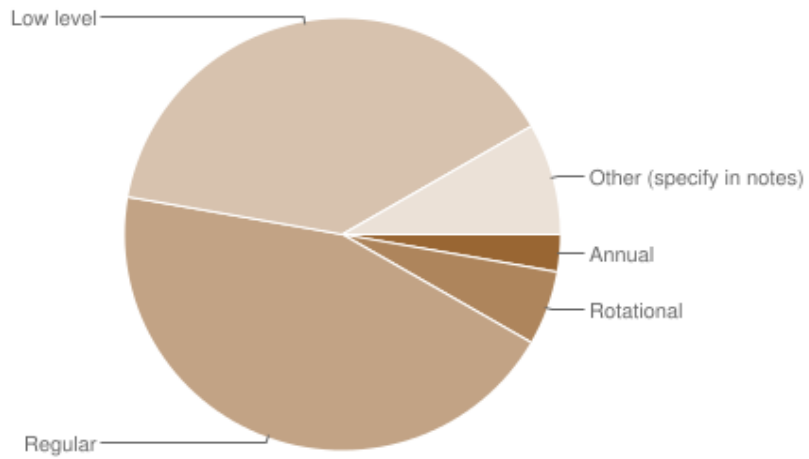
Management Data based on 84 management data records



Grazing Management Data based on 162 grazing records

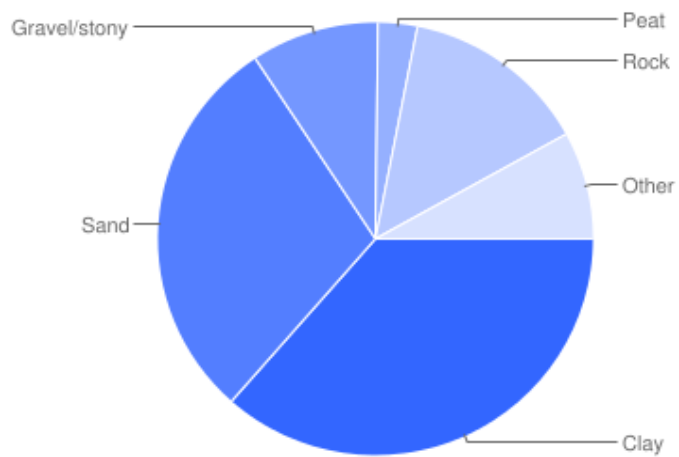


Management frequency Data based on 36 management frequency records



## Substrate and Hydrology

Substrate Data based on 137 substrate records



Hydrology Data based on 173 hydrology records

