

Taxon Report

for

the spider

Amaurobius similis



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Name: Amaurobius similis

Authority: (Blackwall, 1861)

Order: Arachnida: Araneae

Family: Amaurobiidae

Records: 3917

First Record: 1893

Latest Record: 2018

1992-on hectads: 688

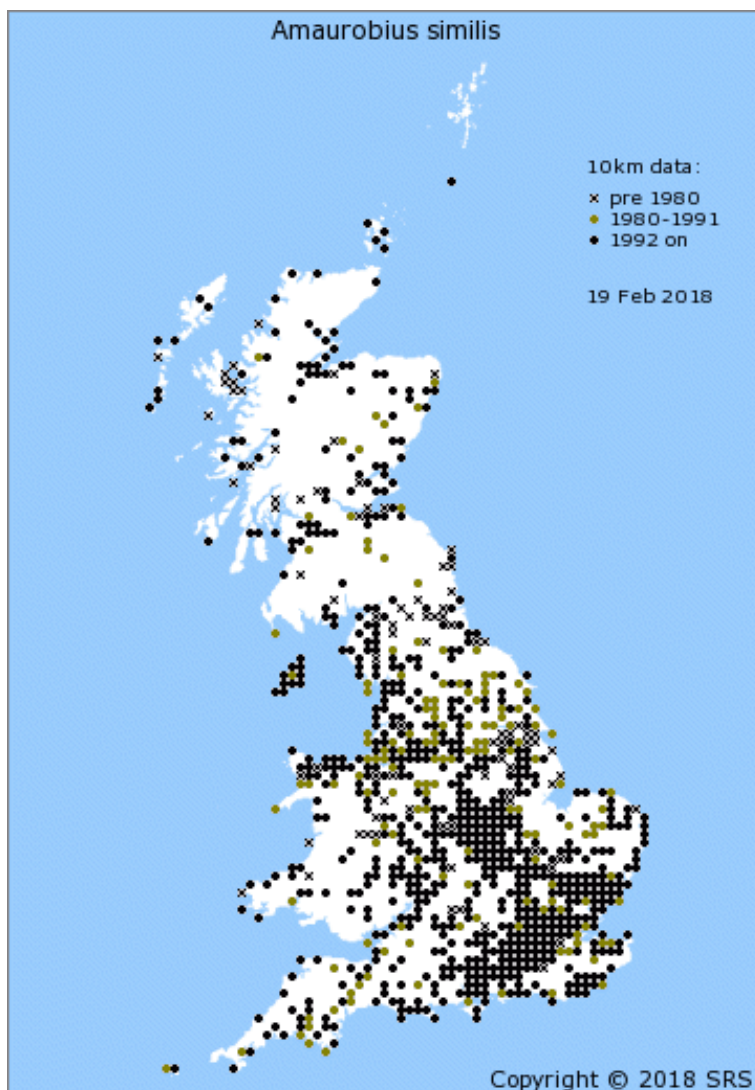
Pre-1992 hectads: 446

Total hectads: 927

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. 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. The spider 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. 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

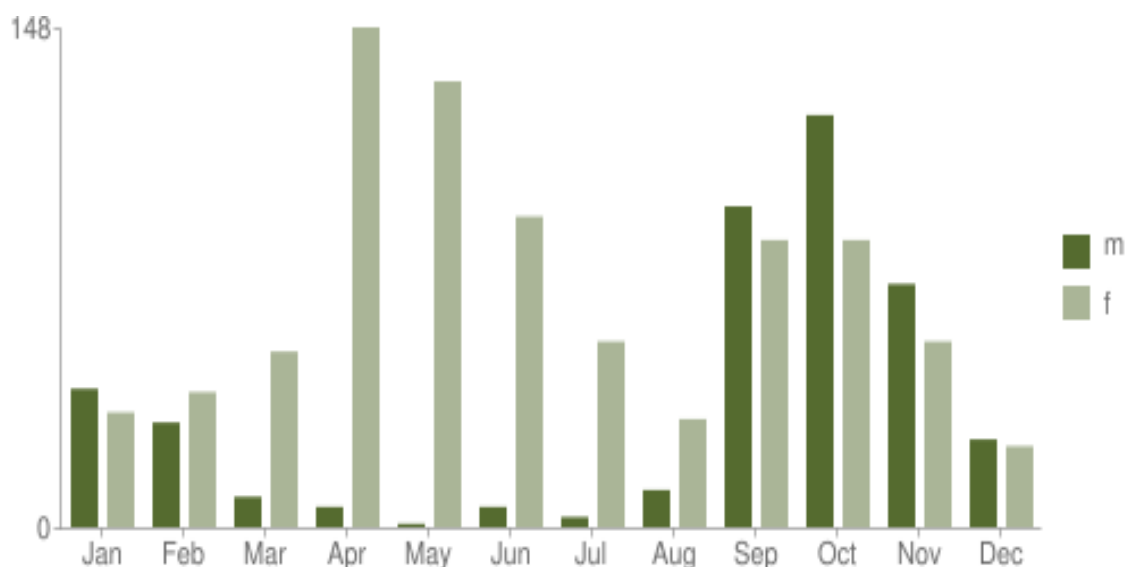
Common, possibly less so in the north.

Text based on:

Original author of profile: P.R. Harvey. Text based on Harvey, P.R., Nellist, D.R. & Telfer, M.G. (eds) 2002. Provisional atlas of British spiders (Arachnida, Araneae), Volumes 1 & 2. Huntingdon: Biological Records Centre.

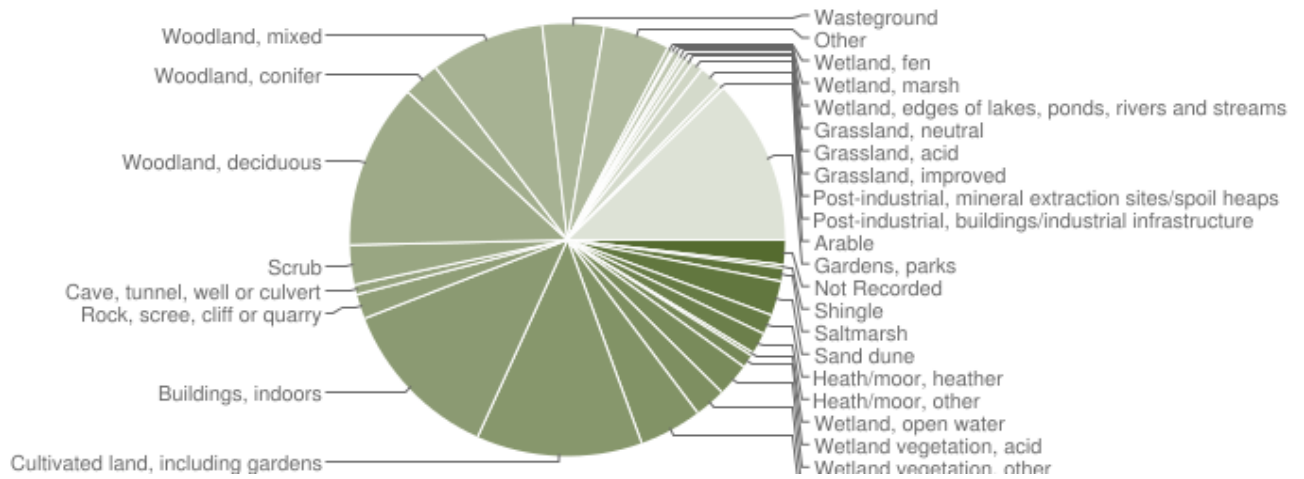
Adult season

Adult Season Data (based on 1100 records with adult season information)

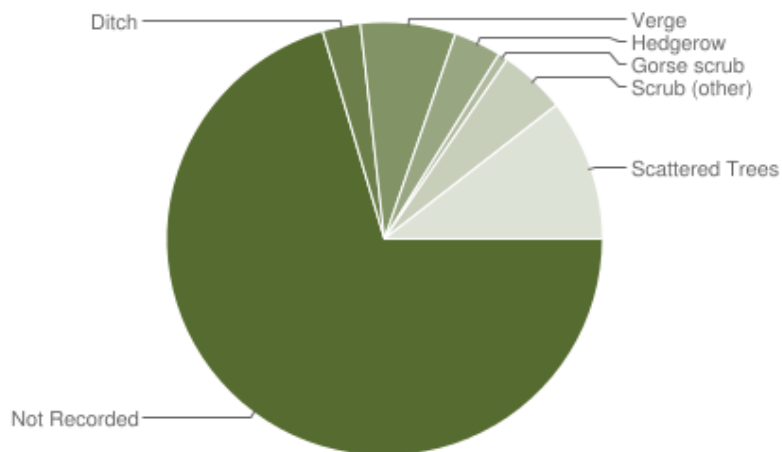


Habitats

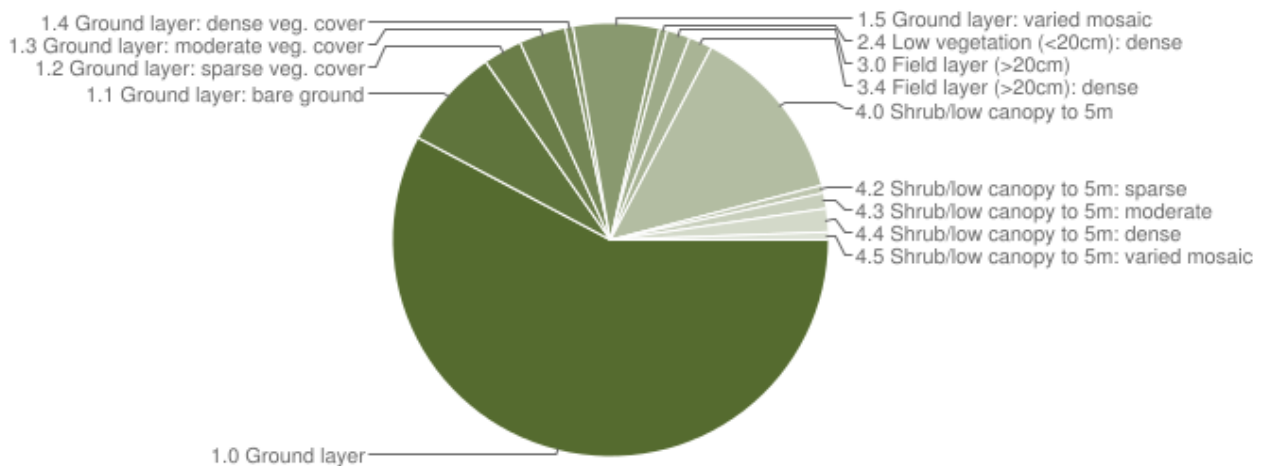
Recorded broad habitats, based on 1461 habitat records



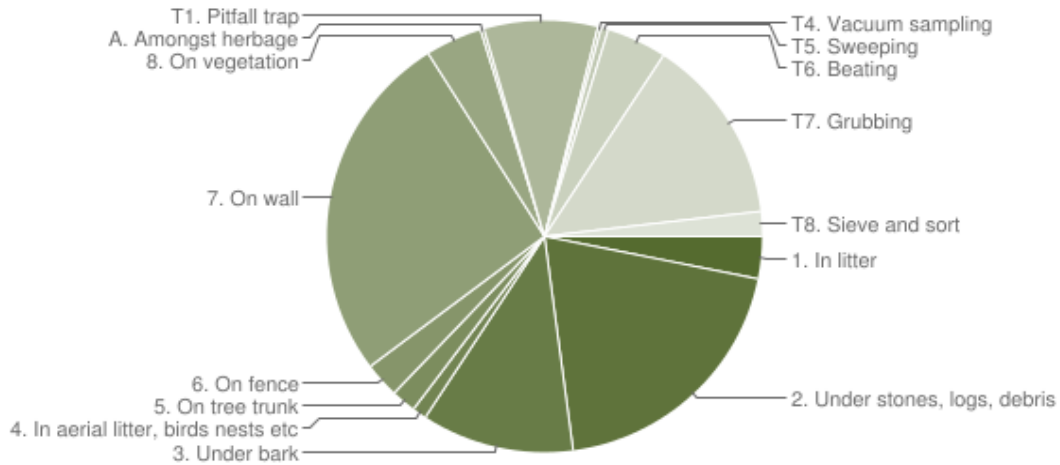
Recorded subhabitats, based on 42 subhabitat records



Recorded structural habitats, based on 178 structural habitat records

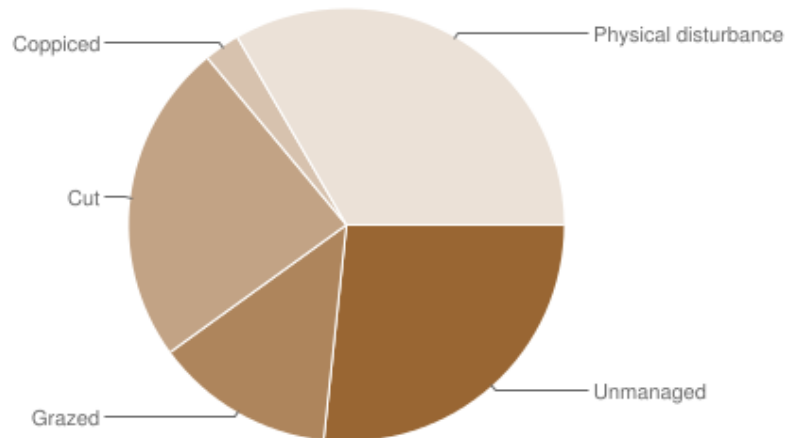


Habitat Detail and Method, based on 509 habitat detail and method records

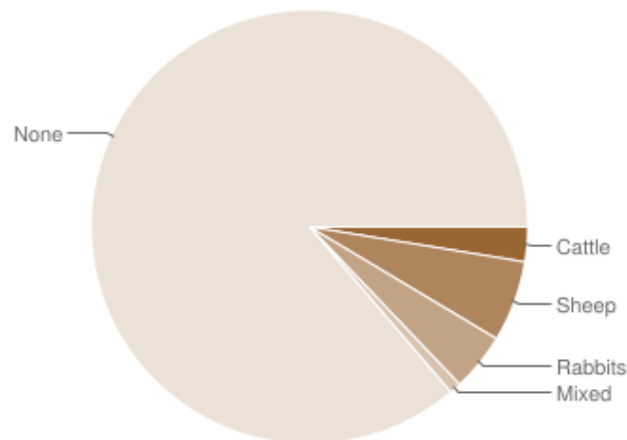


Recorded management in place

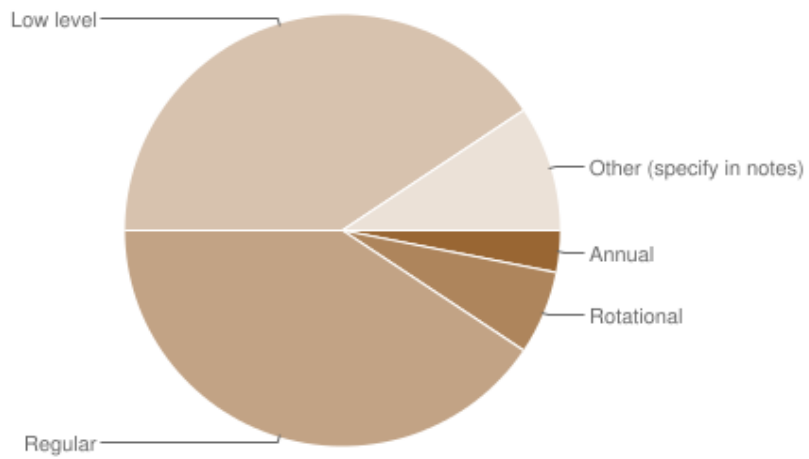
Management Data based on 75 management data records



Grazing Management Data based on 152 grazing records

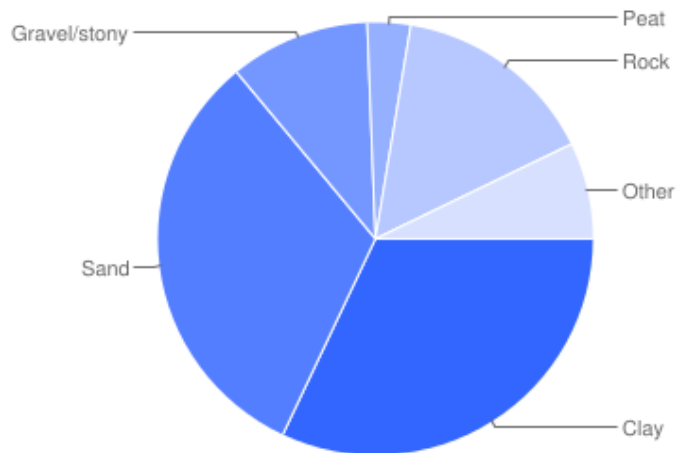


Management frequency Data based on 32 management frequency records



Substrate and Hydrology

Substrate Data based on 125 substrate records



Hydrology Data based on 154 hydrology records

