

Taxon Report

for

the spider

Steatoda bipunctata



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Name: Steatoda bipunctata

Authority: (Linnaeus, 1758)

Order: Arachnida: Araneae

Family: Theridiidae

Records: 2797

First Record: 1864

Latest Record: 2018

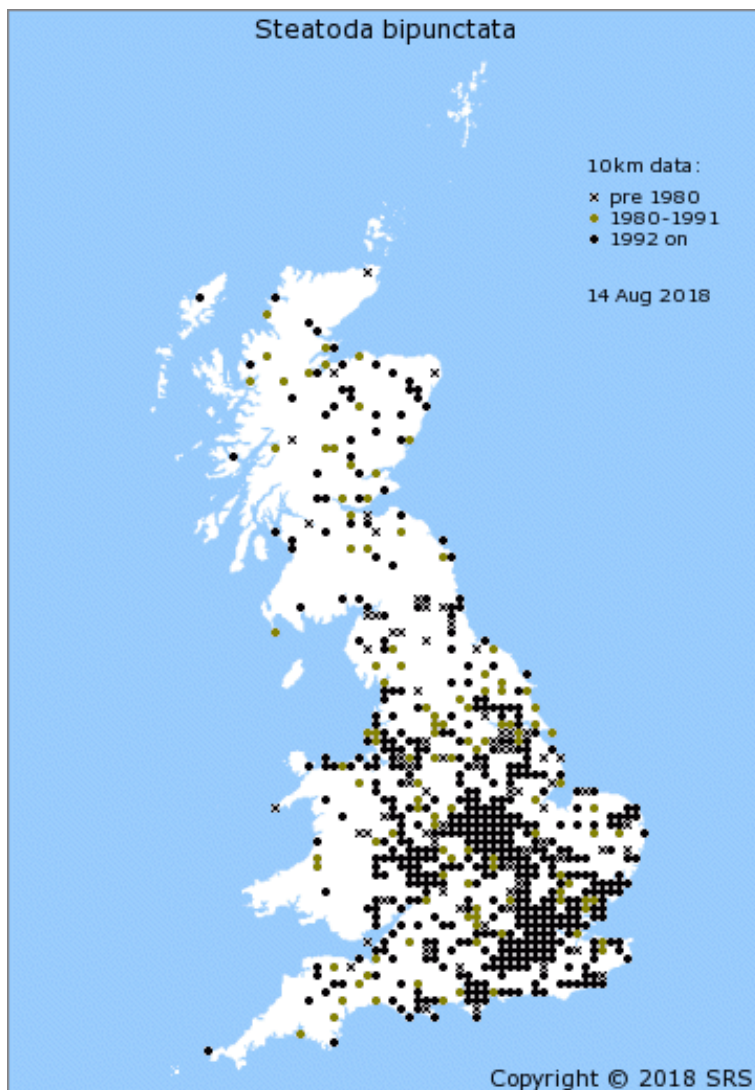
1992-on hectads: 491

Pre-1992 hectads: 320

Total hectads: 674

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.



About this species

Recorded altitude range

0m to 500m

Distribution

The species is widespread throughout Britain, more scattered in the north. It is widespread in western and central Europe.

Habitat and ecology

This spider is mainly found in and around buildings but also occurs on old and dead trees where it lives under bark and in the dry litter collected in rot holes and other cavities. In common with others of the genus it preys on crawling invertebrates. The typical scaffold webs include viscid lines that are attached to the substrate under tension. The struggles of the captured insect break the attachment of these lines thus lifting the unfortunate captive into the air and leaving it suspended ready for the spider to deal with. Both sexes are mature throughout the year and females may survive for several years.

Status

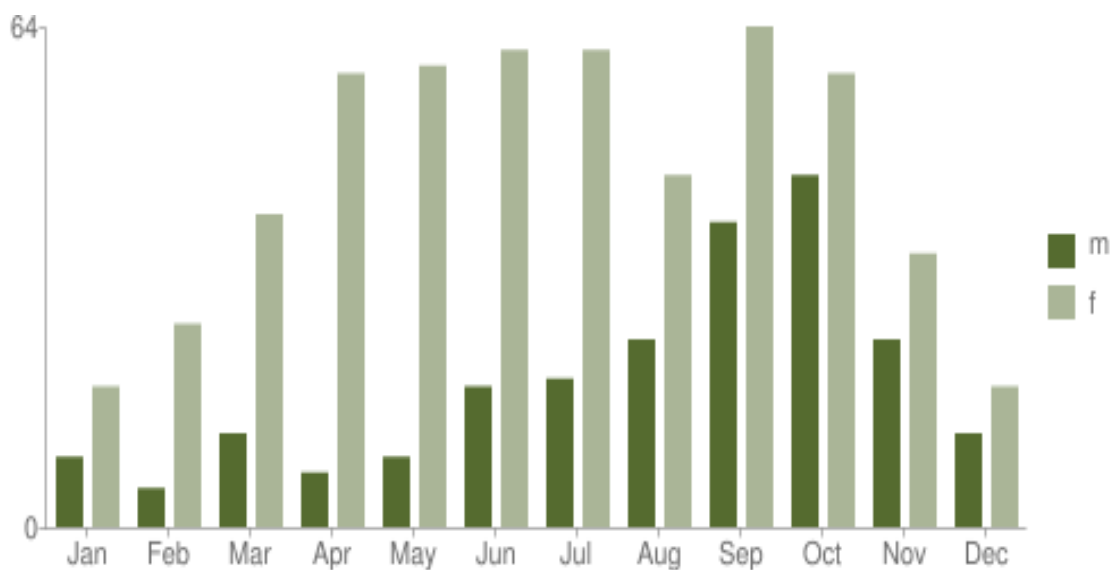
Generally common.

Text based on:

Original author of profile: P. Lee. 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.

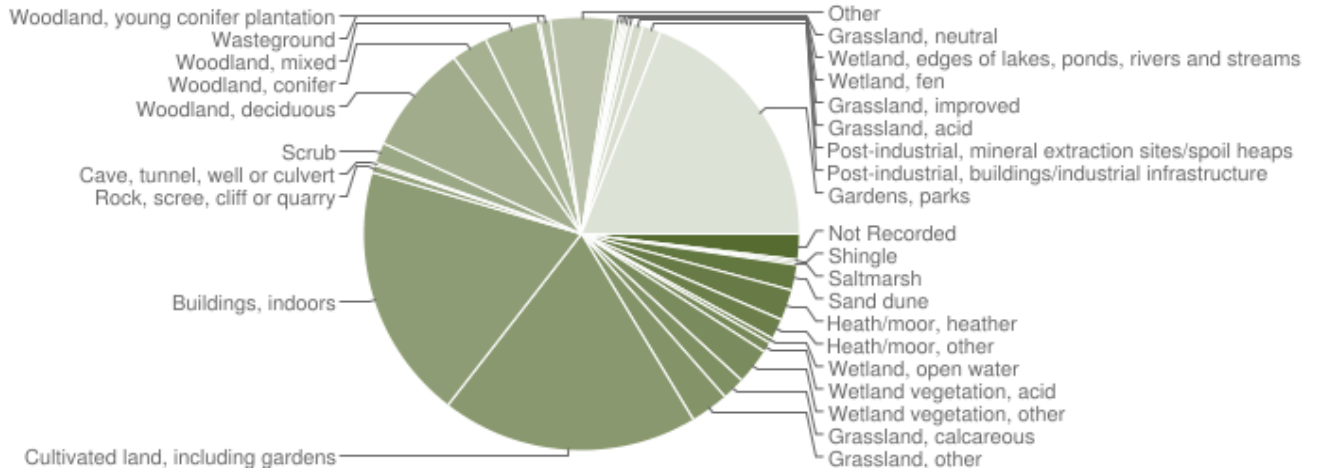
Adult season

Adult Season Data (based on 888 records with adult season information)

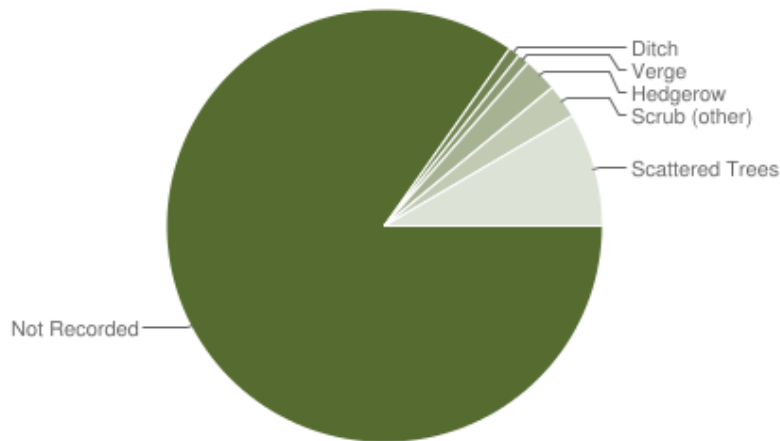


Habitats

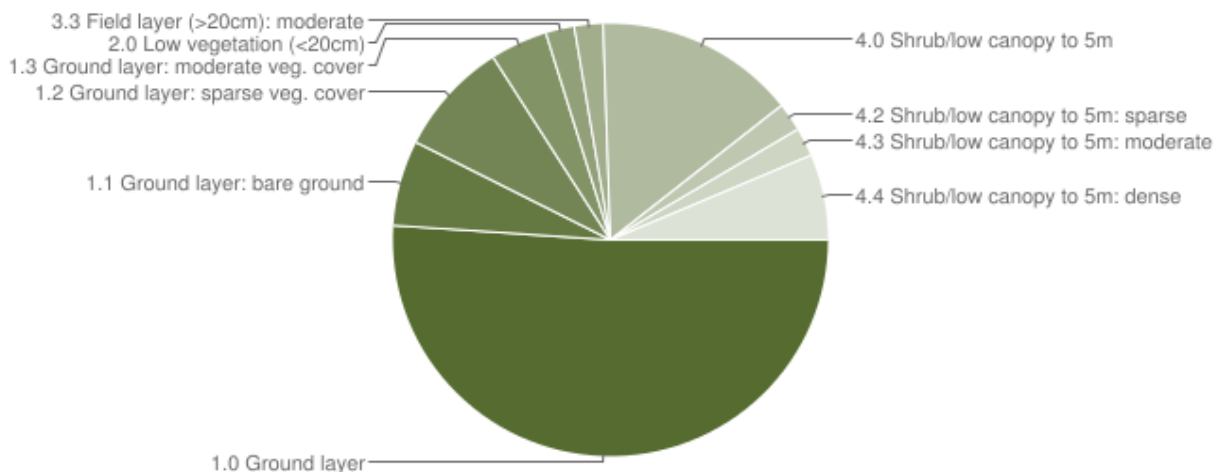
Recorded broad habitats, based on 960 habitat records



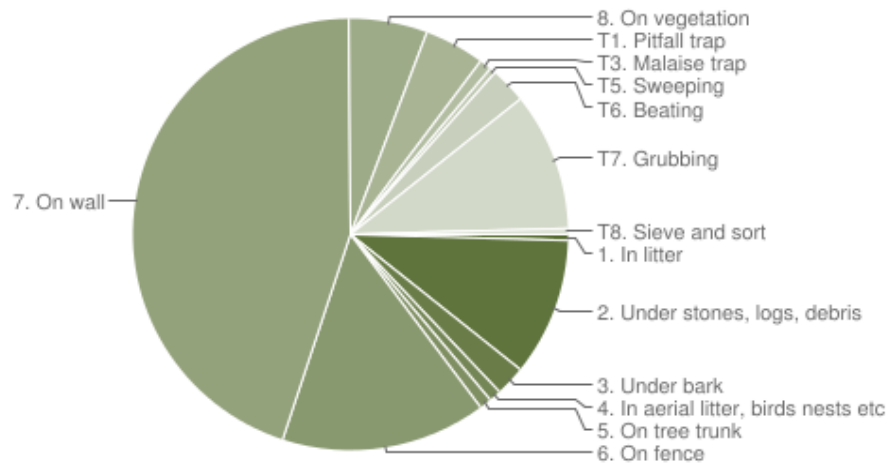
Recorded subhabitats, based on 18 subhabitat records



Recorded structural habitats, based on 47 structural habitat records

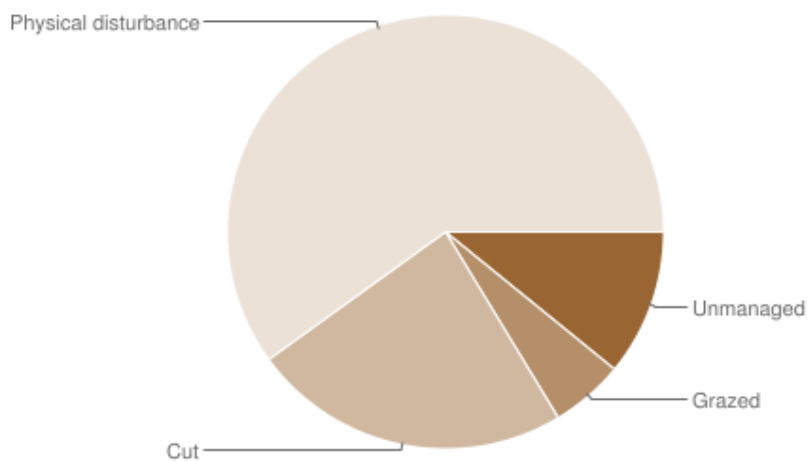


Habitat Detail and Method, based on 253 habitat detail and method records

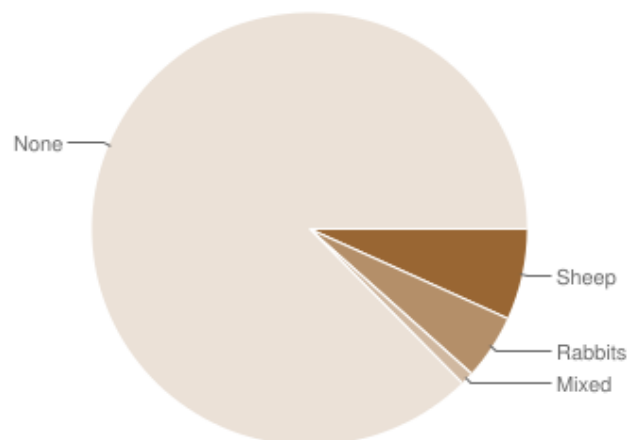


Recorded management in place

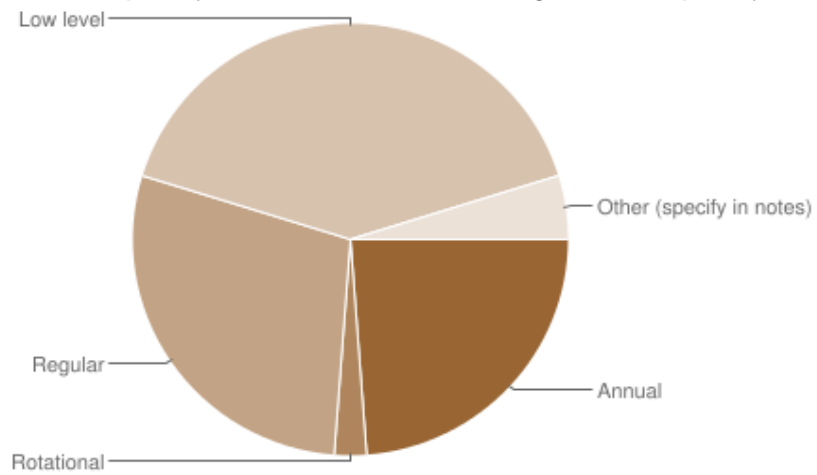
Management Data based on 55 management data records



Grazing Management Data based on 103 grazing records

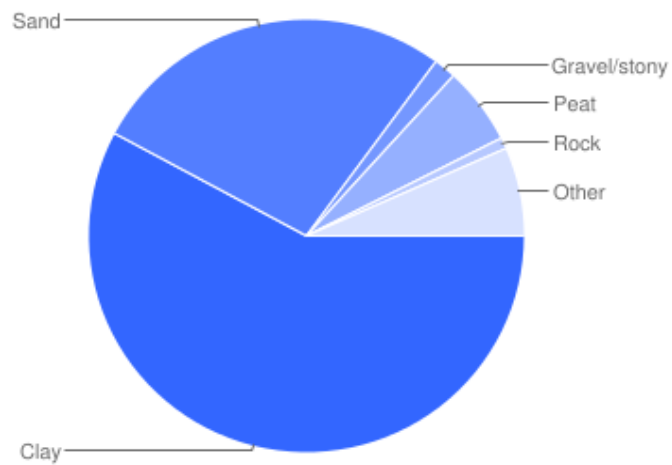


Management frequency Data based on 42 management frequency records



Substrate and Hydrology

Substrate Data based on 121 substrate records



Hydrology Data based on 127 hydrology records

