

Taxon Report

for

the spider

Steatoda bipunctata



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Name: *Steatoda bipunctata*

Authority: (Linnaeus, 1758)

Order: Arachnida: Araneae

Family: Theridiidae

Records: 2776

First Record: 1864

Latest Record: 2017

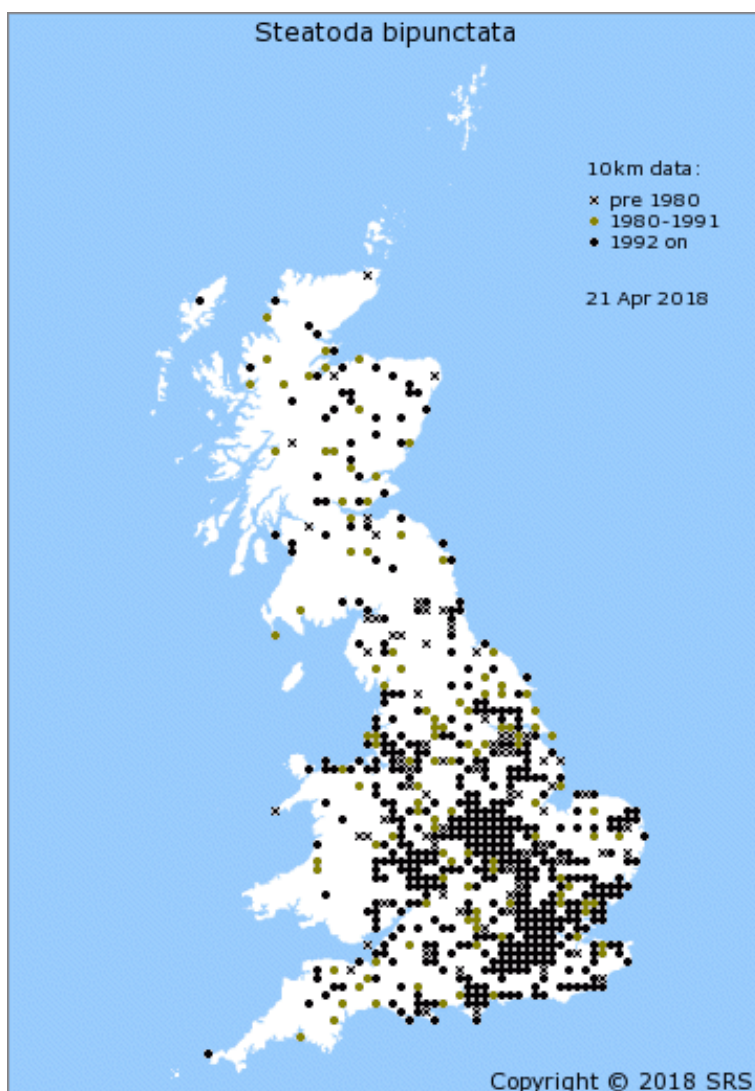
1992-on hectads: 485

Pre-1992 hectads: 320

Total hectads: 669

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

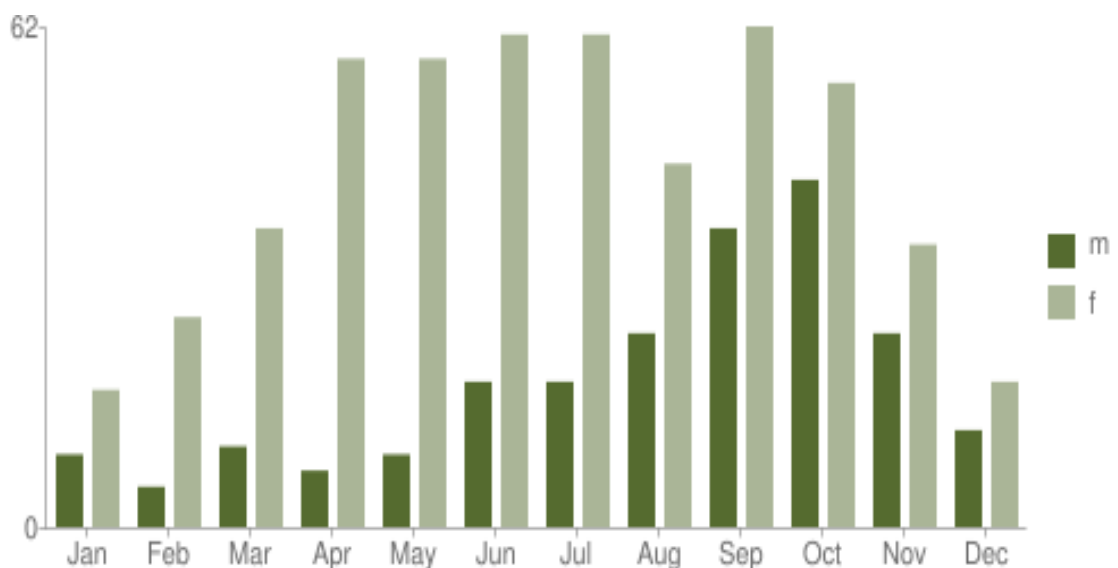
Generally common.

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.

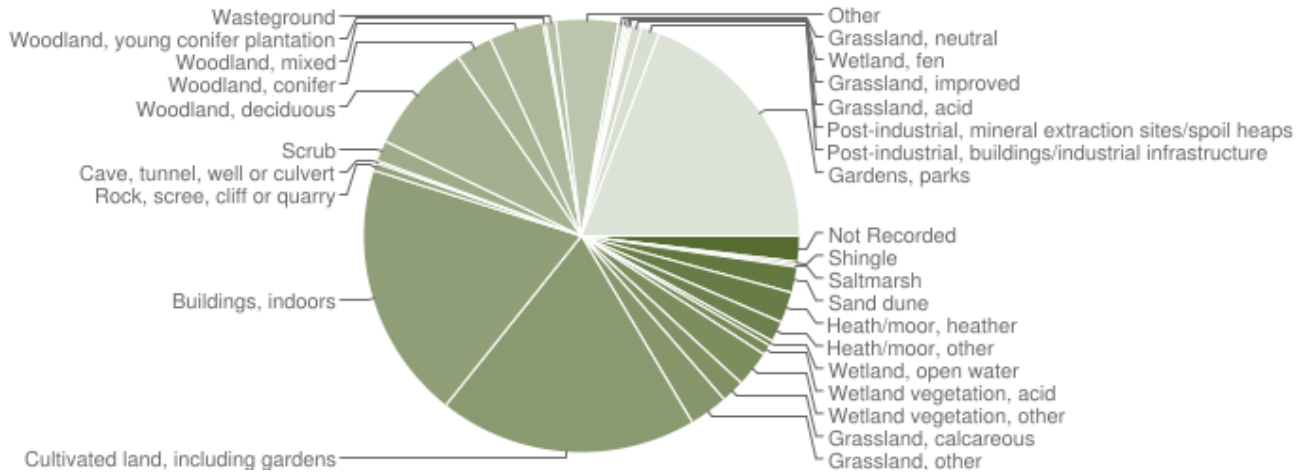
Adult season

Adult Season Data (based on 872 records with adult season information)

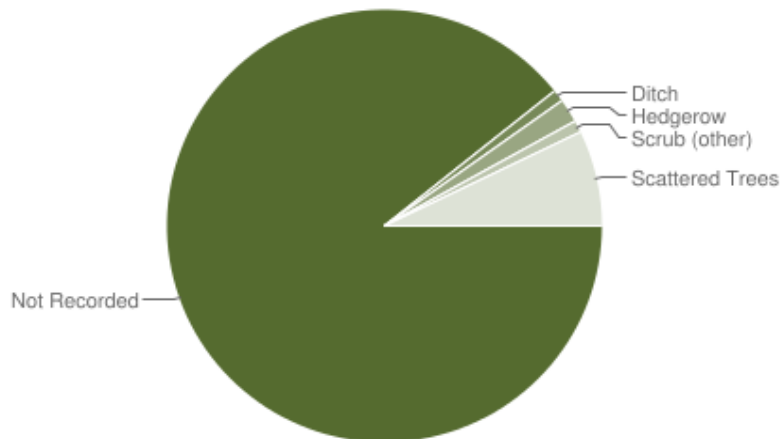


Habitats

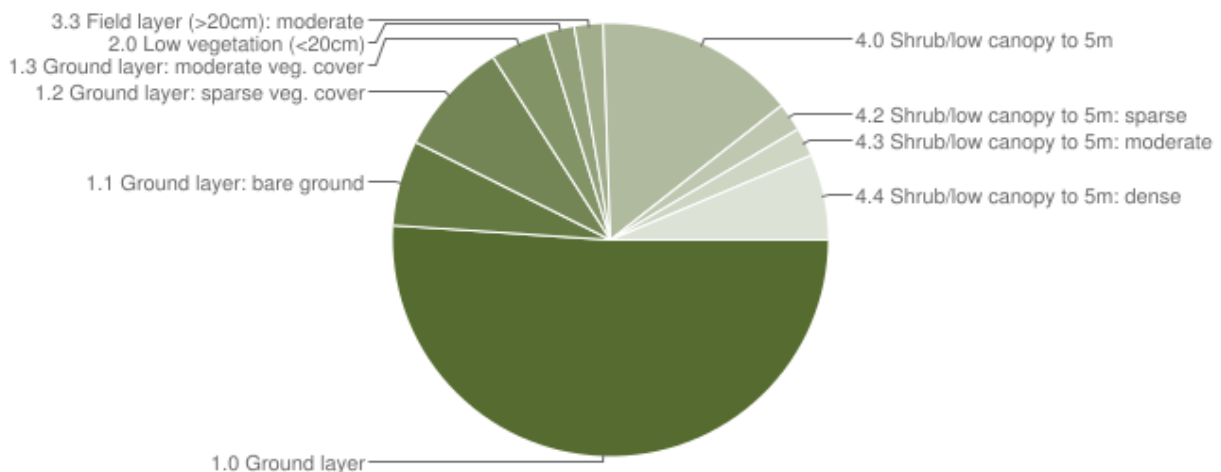
Recorded broad habitats, based on 941 habitat records



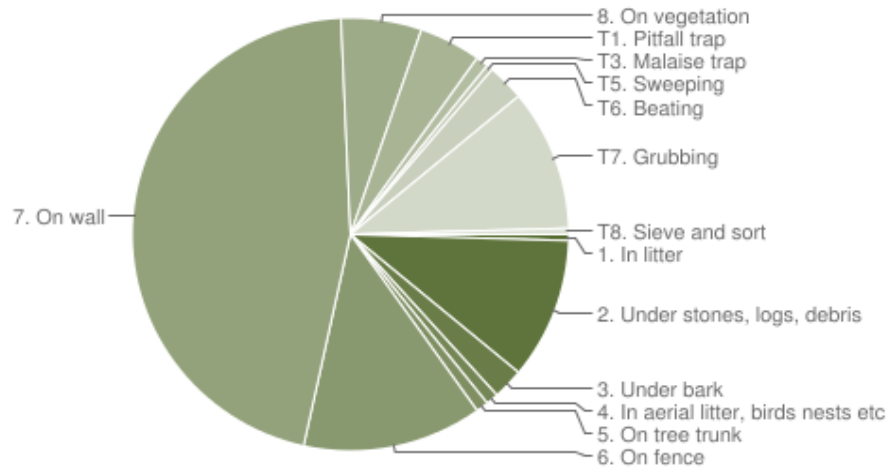
Recorded subhabitats, based on 12 subhabitat records



Recorded structural habitats, based on 47 structural habitat records

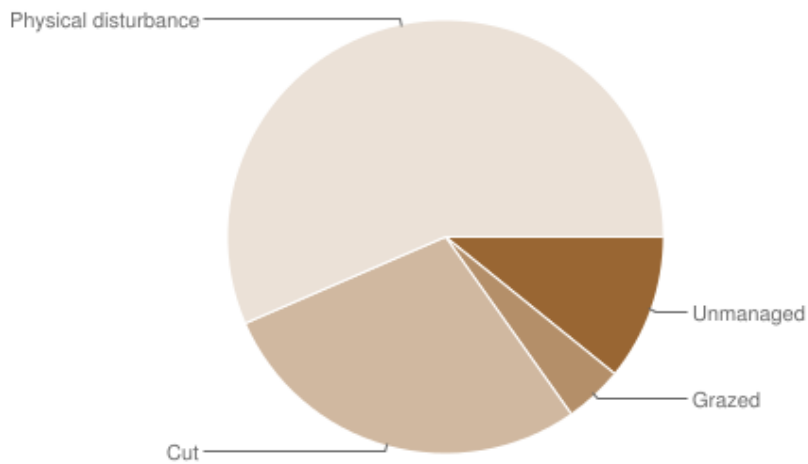


Habitat Detail and Method, based on 238 habitat detail and method records

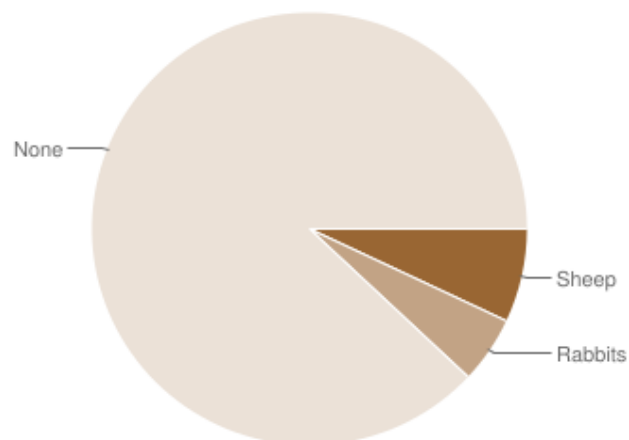


Recorded management in place

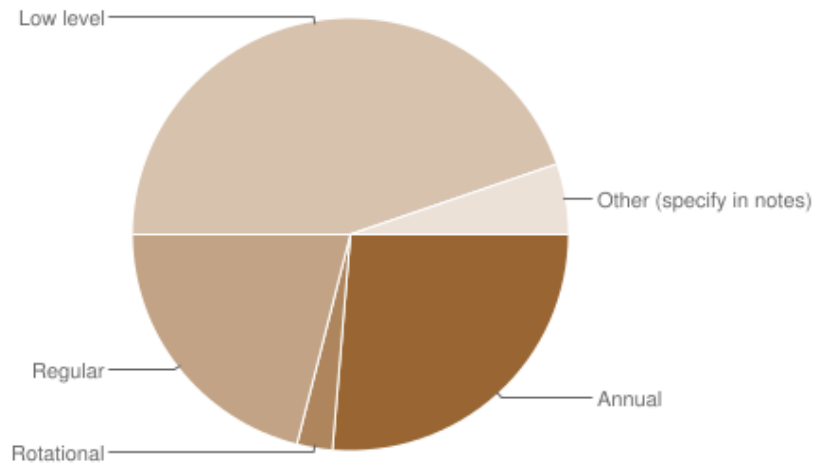
Management Data based on 46 management data records



Grazing Management Data based on 100 grazing records

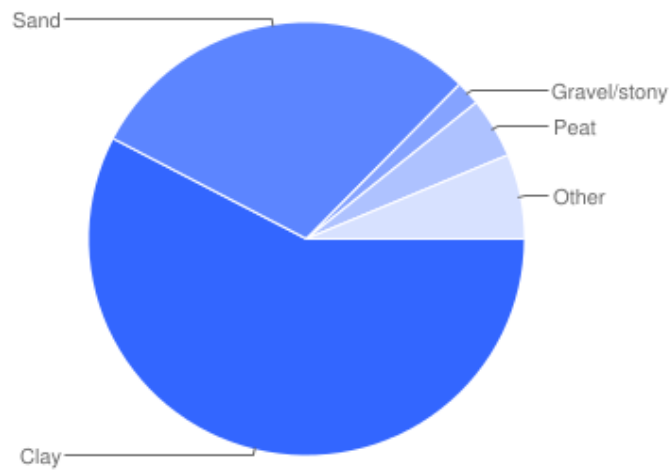


Management frequency Data based on 38 management frequency records



Substrate and Hydrology

Substrate Data based on 111 substrate records



Hydrology Data based on 118 hydrology records

