Common Fan-foot (Pechipogo strigilata)

Areas and status: Very patchy distribution in southern, central England and the West Midlands of England. This moth is now scarce throughout its range, but can be common where found.

Woodland type: Lowland Broadleaved Woodland

Preferred habitat niches: High forest; also recorded in abandoned clear fell and coppice. Breeds on Oak; favours dappled shade on brown, withered Oak leaves that have fallen but caught in the understorey.

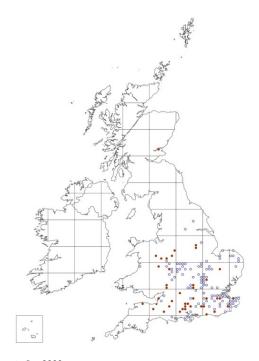
Potential habitat management issues associated with decline:

Unknown, though lack of active management and/or the tidying of fallen trees/branches may have reduced potential habitat.

Potential habitat management solutions:	
Prescription	Comment
Rotational coppice (>12yr rotation)	Coppice small-medium coupes (20x20m to 40x40m) on a long cycle (15-30yrs) to create a range of conditions, including areas in dappled shade; retain 1 or 2 Oak standards within coupes. If this work partially breaks some Oak branches, leave these in situ.
Small group felling	Fell small-medium coupes (20x20m to 40x40m) on a long cycle (20-40yrs) to create a range of conditions, including areas in dappled shade; retain 1 or 2 Oak standards within coupes. If this work partially breaks some Oak branches, leave these in situ.
Selective felling (<25% canopy gap)	Fell >1 Oak/yr/10ha in June and leave tree where it falls. If this work breaks/partially break branches on nearby Oaks, leave these in situ.



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