

## Forester Moth

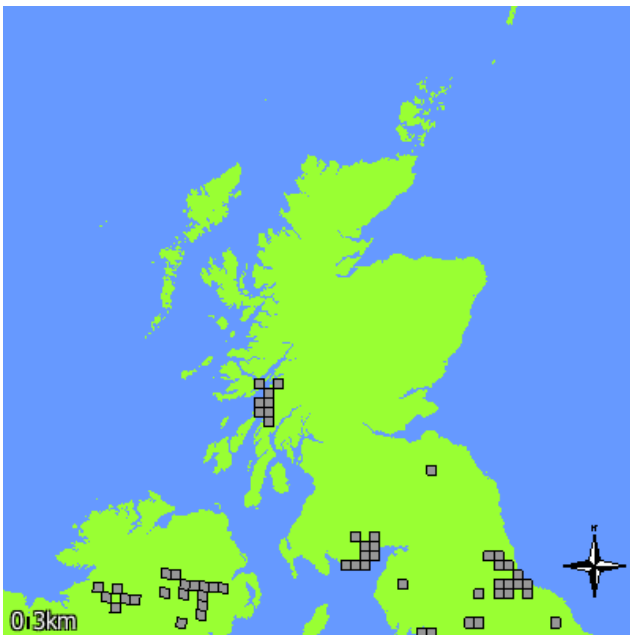
### DESCRIPTION

Beautiful metallic green day-flying moth, which may be found feeding at flowers such as Devil's-bit Scabious and Marsh Thistle. Its wingspan is between 25-30mm.

In Scotland, it is now confined to **Argyll** and **Dumfries & Galloway** on damp neutral grassland and woodland clearings. (The map shows all records, but some sites are unrecorded for more than 100 years).

The Forester Moth is a UK BAP Priority Species and is on the Scottish Biodiversity List.

### DISTRIBUTION MAP



### THREATS

Declining due to loss of unimproved grassland, overgrazing, and loss of sunny woodland clearings.

### FURTHER READING

<http://butterfly-conservation.org/1954-1029/forester-.html>



### ACTION REQUIRED

1. Sign up as a Butterfly Conservation volunteer to help survey and monitor this stunning insect at <http://butterfly-conservation.org/91/volunteer.html>
2. Support policies that protect High Nature Value farmland
3. Encourage active management of native woodlands

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