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Bog hoverfly

This boldly striped and orange-legged hoverfly used to be found on a number of boggy sites across south-west England. It now seems to be restricted to a few valley mires on Dartmoor, and DWT's Emsworthy Mire reserve, near Widecombe, is one such home. Exactly why the bog hoverfly has declined so much is unknown. There is still much to be learned about this elusive insect's life cycle but **maintaining the wet, tussocky grasslands of sites like Emsworthy is the most important way we can help secure the bog hoverfly's future in Devon.**