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Biodiversity Conservation

The Biodiversity Conservation project is composed of 2 individual projects that focus on the conservation and management of 2 species of national conservation importance - juniper (*Juniperus communis*), a relatively scarce element of the native flora in the Borders, and red squirrels (*Scuirus vulgaris*), whose populations are currently in decline across the UK.

Juniper Restoration

Information about this project is available [here](#).

Red Squirrel Conservation

The Red Squirrel project was established to follow on from a base line survey of red squirrel distribution in the Borders undertaken by the Borders Squirrel Management Group (BSMG). The aim of the project is to work towards achieving the objectives of the UK Red Squirrel Action Plan - to sustain a viable self-sustaining population of red squirrels and to maintain or expand red squirrel populations which are currently threatened because of isolation, small size or close proximity to grey squirrel populations.

Over 30 management plans were drawn up for appropriate woodlands across the Borders involving managing existing woodlands and designing new woodlands for red squirrels, supplementary feeding of red squirrels and control of grey squirrels.

The Red Squirrel Project has subsequently grown extensively into the Red Squirrels in the South of Scotland project, which employs 2 project officers in Dumfries and Galloway and the Borders to implement the Regional Action Plans for red squirrel conservation.

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