

## Solomon's Seal (*Polygonatum multiflorum*)

**Areas and status:** Locally frequent in England and Wales, naturalised elsewhere

**Woodland type:** Lowland Broadleaved Woodland, Wet Woodland

**Preferred habitat niches:** Woods mostly on basic soils particularly ash-maple woods and thickets over chalk and limestone but also in wet flushes in western oakwoods. Likes shady, moist places. Often planted and hybridises with Angular Solomon's Seal [the ensuing hybrid, Garden Solomon's Seal (*P. multiflorum* x *P. odoratum*), is the most frequently planted in gardens]. Likely to be an ancient woodland indicator in the east of England.

### Potential habitat management issues associated with decline:

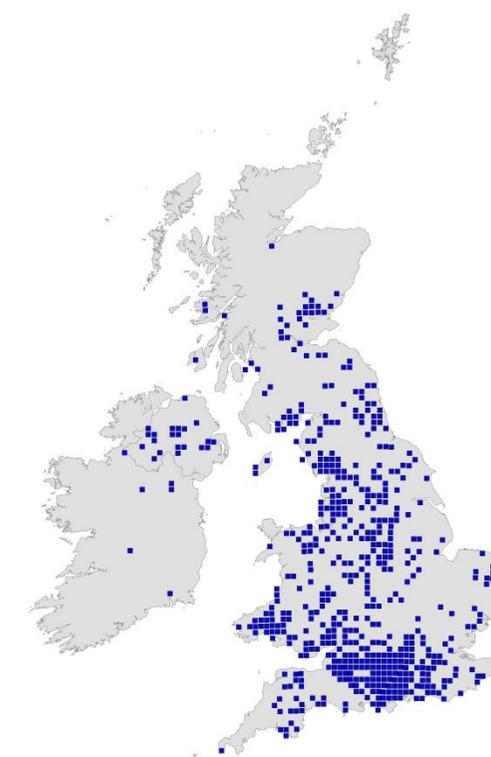
- Native distribution unclear so decline may not be an issue
- Climate change – drying out of woodlands maybe an issue in the future

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<i>Prescription</i>	<i>Comment</i>
Maintain undisturbed soils	
Retain moisture	Keep existing soil wetness
Coppice	On a long rotation and with coupes of < 0.25 ha to retain moisture
Remove any hybrids	Likely to be near entrances, gardens or car parks. Dig up plants and rhizomes and remove or allow to dry in sun.



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■ Distribution 1987-2016 (BSBI)