

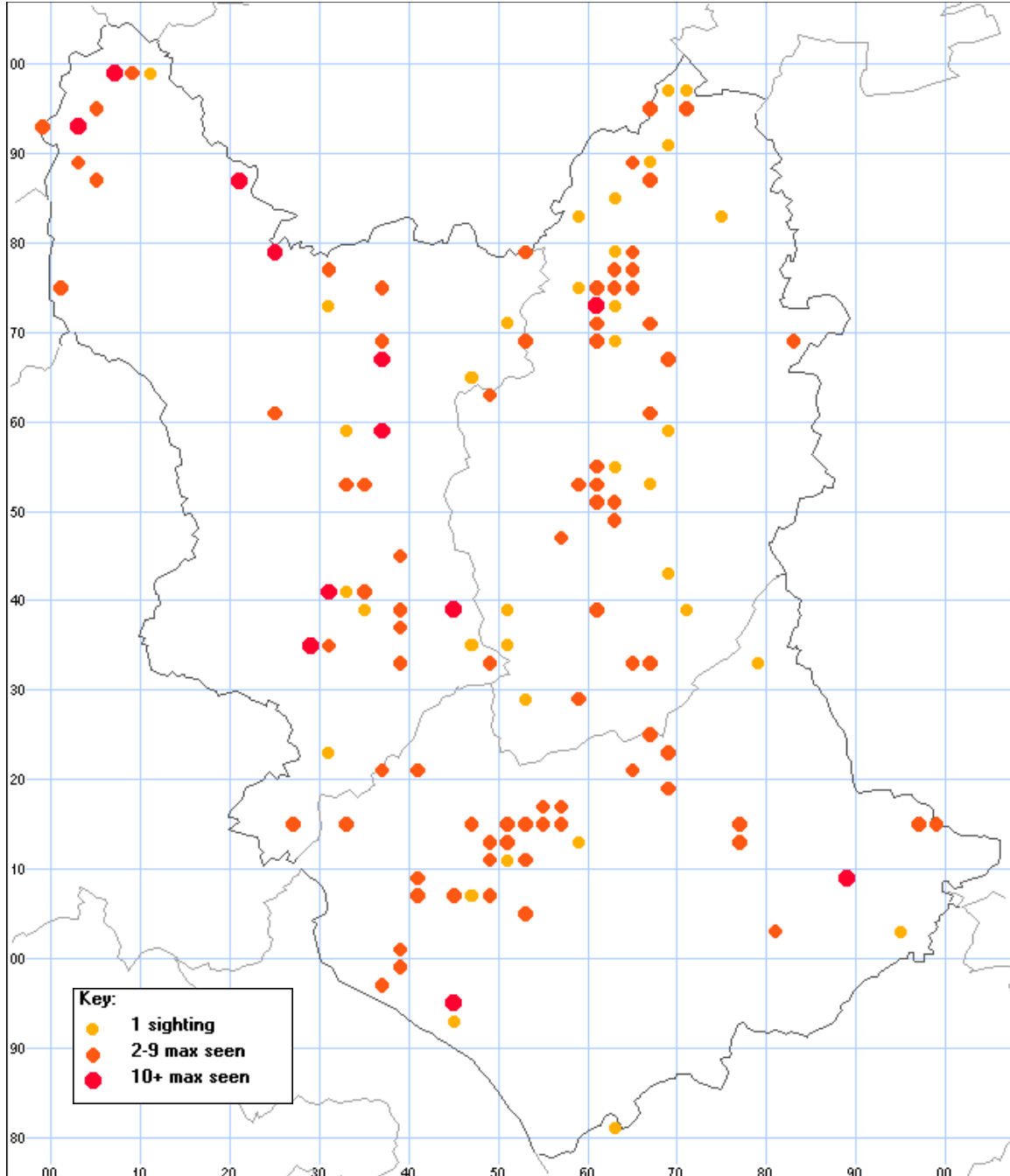


# Purple Hairstreak

*Neozephyrus quercus*

Regional Priority: Low  
Of Conservation Concern in Nottinghamshire

## Distribution 2000 - 2004



### Foodplants

Native Oak species, Sessile Oak (*Quercus petaëa*) and Pendunculate Oak (*Q. robur*) and introduced Turkey Oak (*Q. cerris*).

Adults feed mainly on aphid honeydew and can also be seen feeding on Ash and Elm, but rely solely on Oak for breeding.

### Habitat

Woodlands, parks, gardens and hedgerows with groups of oaks. Occasionally solitary oaks, which were previously part of a woodland or hedgerow. Widespread but under recorded as the adults spend most of their time in the tree canopy rarely descending to feed on nectar.

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