

Ecological Survey Calendar

January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
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Habitats/ Vegetation	Phase-1 (sub-optimal)	Phase-1 and NVC						Phase-1 (sub-optimal)			
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Badgers	Limited sett/ bait surveys	Bait marking and sett surveys			Limited bait marking and sett surveys			Sett surveys			Limited sett/ bait surveys
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Bats	Inspection of hibernation roosts		Limited activity	Survey for summer roosts and activity surveys				Limited activity	Inspection of hibernation roosts	
	Potential roost and internal building surveys are possible throughout the year									

Birds	Wintering surveys		Breeding and migrant species surveys		Breeding bird surveys		Low activity (sub-optimal)		Migrant species surveys		Wintering surveys
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Dormice	Gnawed hazel nut search		Nest box survey from April to October				Gnawed hazel nut search (Sept.-Dec. optimal)			
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Great crested newts	Newts hibernating		Pond surveys				Larval survey			Newts hibernating	
	Habitat suitability assessments are possible throughout the year										

Otters	Searches for field signs can be carried out throughout the year										
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Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating		Peak survey months are April and May			Sub-optimal survey period		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating	
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Water voles	Low activity		Field sign and activity surveys (evidence may be limited by vegetation cover)						Low activity		
	Surveys for habitat suitability can be undertaken throughout the year										

White-clawed crayfish	Low activity		Searching torching & trapping	Surveys avoided as likely to have young		Searching, torching and trapping surveys				Low activity	

Key:	Surveys recommended	Sub-optimal survey period	Surveys not possible
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