

# Ecological Survey Calendar

Ecological Assessments | Bat Surveys | Otter Surveys | Badger Surveys  
Great Crested Newt Surveys | Water Vole Surveys | Botanical Surveys  
Reptile Surveys | Habitat Management Plans | Ornithological Assessments  
BREEAM | Invertebrate Surveys | Wind Energy Projects



	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
<b>Habitats/ Vegetation</b>	Phase-1 (sub-optimal)			Phase-1 and NVC						Phase-1 (sub-optimal)			
<b>Badgers</b>	Limited sett/ bait surveys	Bait marking and sett surveys			Limited bait marking and sett surveys			Sett surveys			Limited sett/ bait surveys		
								Badger sett closure					
<b>Bats</b>	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												
<b>Birds</b>	Wintering surveys		Breeding and migrant species	Breeding bird surveys			Low activity (sub-optimal)	Migrant species surveys		Wintering surveys			
<b>Dormice</b>	Dormice hibernating		Nest-tube and nest-box surveys from April to October								Dormice hibernating		
	Hazel nut search (sub-optimal)							Hazel nut search (September to December optimal)					
<b>Great crested newts</b>	Newts hibernating		Pond surveys mid March to mid June			eDNA surveys 15th April - 30th June		Larval survey		Newts hibernating			
	Habitat suitability assessments are possible throughout the year												
	Searches for field signs can be carried out throughout the year												
<b>Otters</b>	Searches for field signs can be carried out throughout the year												
<b>Reptiles</b>	Reptiles hibernating		Sub-optimal	Peak survey months are April and May		Sub-optimal survey period			Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating		
	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													
<b>White-clawed crayfish</b>	Low activity		Surveys avoided as likely to have young			Searching, torching and trapping surveys			Low activity				
<b>Invertebrates</b>	Low activity		Aquatic invertebrate surveys optimal				Aquatic surveys possible			Low activity			
								Various terrestrial groups in adult form through this period					

Note: For use as a guideline only. Some planning authorities may accept surveys over different dates.

<b>Key:</b>
Surveys recommended
Sub-optimal survey period
Surveys not possible

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