

Ecological Survey Calendar

This calendar is intended as a guide only but indicates the time periods when different surveys can be carried out.



	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Phase 1	Suboptimal			Optimal survey period						Suboptimal			
Botanical Surveys	Lower plants only (Mosses and Liverworts)			Detailed botanical surveys of higher plant taxa							Lower plants only		
Birds	Wintering birds		Breeding and migrant birds			Breeding birds		Breeding and migrant birds			Wintering birds		
Badgers	Optimum period - Spring and Autumn / Winter, although all survey methods are possible throughout the year												
							Licensable period - disturbance of existing setts permitted						
Bats	Tree and building roost inspections (surveys possible all year round)												
	Hibernation				Activity and emergence surveys						Hibernation		
Dormice	Nut searches only		Nest searches only		Cage traps and hair tube surveys						Nut searches only		
Invertebrates					Optimal survey times are generally between May and August, but our specialists should be consulted prior to scheduling								
Otters	Surveying possible all year round. Weather and vegetation cover can be limiting factors												
Water Voles	Suboptimal		Optimum period - March to June although all survey methods are possible during this period - weather and vegetation cover may limit							Suboptimal			
Reptiles	No surveys as animals are hibernating		Optimum period for activity is March - June and September / October. High temperatures can be a limiting factor to surveys in July and August. Peak survey times are April, May and September							No surveys as animals are hibernating			
Great Crested Newts	No surveys as animals are hibernating		Pond surveys for adults				Terrestrial habitat surveys					No surveys as animals are hibernating	
Natterjack Toads	No surveys as animals are hibernating			Surveys for adults on land. Surveys of breeding ponds for adults. Survey for tadpoles from may onwards									No surveys as animals are hibernating
White-clawed Crayfish	Activity declines			Survey possible	No surveying - females release their offspring		Optimum period				Activity declines		

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	No surveys

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