



# ECOLOGICAL SURVEY CALENDAR

Optimal Survey  
 Sub-optimal Survey  
 No Survey

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Species / Group	Survey	Licence Required	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitats	Preliminary Ecological Assessment	X				Single survey								
Vegetation (NVC and other Phase II/III)	Surveys Grassland	X				Single intensive survey								
	Surveys Woodland	X				Single intensive survey								
Birds	Nesting Birds	X	Risk Assessment Only			Usually single visit				Risk Assessment Only				
	Breeding Birds	X		Species specific		Usually 3-4 surveys								
	Winter Birds		Usually 3 surveys		Species specific						Species specific			
Badgers	Activity Surveys	X					Single survey							
	Bait marking	X	No survey					Multiple visits						
Otters	Surveys	X					1-2 surveys							
Great Crested Newts	Aquatic	Yes*	Risk Assessment Only		Pond surveys late March to mid-June, spread required eDNA mid April-end June				Risk Assessment Only					
	Terrestrial	Yes*	Sub-optimal for HSIs		Optimal Habitat suitability Index (HSI) assessment				Terrestrial habitat/refuge surveys Sub-optimal for HSIs		Sub-optimal for HSIs			
Reptiles	Surveys	X				7 surveys, spread required								
White-Clawed Crayfish	Surveys	X												
Bats	Activity Surveys	X				1-4 dusk surveys, spread required								
	Buildings	Yes*					daytime risk assessment							
	Trees	Yes*					Single aerial survey/1-3 dusk surveys							
	Transects	X					3-12 surveys, must be spread across season							
Water Voles	Surveys	No*	Activity low			1-2 surveys								
Red Squirrels	Surveys	No*												

\*If survey techniques involve capture, handling or disturbance of a protected species, surveys must be undertaken by a licensed person.

