

Ecological Survey Periods

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitat Survey	Phase 1 only			Optimal Phase 1 and detailed botanical survey (NVC etc)						Phase 1 only		
Great Crested Newt	Newts hibernating		Pond surveys/terrestrial survey				Habitat and larvae survey			Newts hibernating		
Badger	Surveys possible all year, largely dependent on vegetation cover so spring and autumn most effective											
		Optimal bait marking		Sub-optimal bait marking								
Birds	Migration/ wintering surveys and habitat assessments		Breeding bird season				Limited activity, habitat assessments		Migration/ wintering surveys and habitat assessments			
Bats	Hibernation roosts, building & tree surveys		Limited activity	Summer roost emergence surveys and activity surveys						Limited activity	Hibernation roosts, building & tree surveys	
	Activity surveys not possible										Activity surveys not possible	
Water vole	Limited activity		Habitat and field sign surveys, can be limited by vegetation cover							Limited activity		
Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating		Peak survey months April and May				Reduced basking limits refugia survey		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating	
Otter	Surveys possible throughout the year, limited by water levels and vegetation.											
White-clawed crayfish	Reduced activity		Hand search, torch & trapping	Breeding season		Hand search, torch & trapping				Reduced activity		
Red Squirrel	Limited activity		Optimal survey period						Limited activity			
Natterjack toad	Toads hibernating			Breeding pond and terrestrial survey			Terrestrial survey			Limited activity	Toads hibernating	

Key

Optimal Survey Period	Sub-optimal Survey Period	Surveys not Possible
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