Ecological Survey Calendar

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	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC
BADGERS	As May-Aug	Bait marking & sett surveys			Bait marking & sett surveys				Sett surveys			As May-Aug
BATS	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts			Limited activity	Summer roost emergence and activity surveys					Limited activity	Inspection of hibernation roosts	
BATS	Initial bat scoping surveys can be undertaken all year								Trees are best surveyed in winter			
BIRDS	Winter bird surveys		Breeding bird and migrant surveys			Breeding birds surveys			Breeding bird and migrant surveys		Winter bird surveys	
DORMICE	Nut and nest search			Nest search optimum time (nut search sub-optimum time)							Nut searches and nest searches	
GREAT CRESTED NEWTS	No surveys—newts hibernating		Pond surveys for adults/terrestrial habitat survey. Egg surveys April- mid June. eDNA surveys. Larvae surveys from mid May				Habitat and larvae surveys		Terrestrial habitat surveys		No surveys—newts hibernating	
HABITATS/ VEGETATION	Phase 1			Phase 1 & NVC							Phase 1	
OTTERS	Surveys for otters at any time, although vegetation cover and weather conditions may limit times at which surveys can be carried out. Avoid recent rain or flood											
REPTILES	No surveys—reptiles hibernating		Limited activity	Peak survey months			Lower detection rates In hot weather		Peak survey month	Limited activity	No surveys—reptiles hibernating	
WATER VOLES	Reduced activity	Initial habitat surveys	Habitat and field signs / activity surveys (may be limited to vegetation cover and weather conditions)								Initial habitat surveys	Reduced activity
WHITE-CLAWED CRAYFISH	Habitat suitability assessment only						Trapping, torching and hand search				Habitat suitability assessment only	

KEY SURVEYS ■ Optimal ■ Sub-Optimal ■ Surveys not possible

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