

Survey Calendar

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitats/Vegetation	Phase 1 only (sub-optimal)			Phase 1 and NVC						Phase 1 (sub-optimal)		
Badgers	Limited sett/bait surveys	Bait marking and sett surveys			Limited bait marking and sett surveys				Sett surveys		Limited sett/bait surveys	
Bats	Inspection of hibernation roosts			Limited activity	Survey for summer roosts, and activity surveys possible for all areas with suitable habitat					Limited activity	Inspection of hibernation roosts	
	Potential roost, and internal surveys are possible all year round, trees are best surveyed in winter											
Birds	Surveys for Winter Species ie. Wintering waders		Breeding bird surveys, & those for migrant species		Breeding bird surveys		Low activity, surveys not recommended		Surveys for migrant species		Surveys for Winter Species ie. Wintering waders	
Dormice	Gnawed hazel nut search			Nest tube survey from April to November						Gnawed hazelnuts search (best from September to December)		
Great crested newts	Newts hibernating, no survey possible		Pond surveys for adults/Terrestrial survey/Egg surveys April to mid-June/Larvae surveys from mid-May			Survey for habitat suitability and the presence of larvae		Survey possible to determine habitat suitability		Newts hibernating, no survey possible		
Otters	There are no distinct seasonal constraints to otter survey, however they may be effected by vegetation cover and weather conditions											
Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating, no survey possible		Peak survey months are April and May			Reducing basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating, no survey possible		
Water voles	Low activity	Surveys for habitat suitability		Habitat and field signs/activity surveys. May be limited by vegetation cover and weather						Surveys for habitat suitability		Low activity
White-clawed crayfish	Low activity, no survey possible			Searching Torching Trapping	Where present likely to have young, hence avoid survey		Substrate search by hand Torchlight and trapping surveys				Low activity, no survey possible	

Key

Surveys recommended

Sub-optimal survey period

Surveys not possible