






Ecology Survey Calendar

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APR	MAY	JUN	JUL	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Habitat Survey				Habitat survey (as part of Preliminary Ecological Appraisal or similar)								
Botanical Survey	Lower plants only (mosses & liverworts)			Detailed botanical surveys (woodland, heathland, grassland habitats etc.)						Lower plants only (mosses & liverworts)		
Invertebrates												
Great crested newts				Pond Survey (4/6 x survey; must inc. 2/3 surveys mid-Apr to mid-May)								
				eDNA Survey (mid Mar to end-Jun)								
Reptiles				Reptile Survey (7 x surveys required)								
Birds			Nesting bird season (avoid vegetation clearance or nesting bird check req.)									
			Breeding bird surveys (4 x monthly Mar to Jun)									
	Wintering bird surveys											
			Migratory bird surveys					Migratory bird surveys				
Badgers	Survey possible throughout the year				Vegetation can obscure evidence in summer months							
							Licensable period for sett closure and disturbance					
Dormice				Nest Tube/Box Survey and Footprint Tunnels (several surveys spread monthly between Apr and Oct)						Nut search only		
Bats	Bat Roost Assessment (Structures and Trees) possible throughout the year											
	Hibernation survey only				Emergence and Activity surveys spread throughout the season					Hibernation survey only		
Water voles		Habitat suitability assessment		Water vole survey (2 x Surveys; the first Apr to Jun, the second Jul to Sept)					Habitat suitability assessment			
Otters	Survey possible throughout the year											
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Key:

Optimal Survey Period

Sub-optimal Survey Period

Survey not possible