

# Survey Calendar

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Habitats / Vegetation</b>	Phase 1 only (sub-optimal)			Phase 1 and NVC						Phase 1 (sub-optimal)		
<b>Badgers</b>	Limited sett / bait surveys	Bait marking and sett surveys			Limited bait marking and sett surveys				Sett surveys		Limited sett/ bait surveys	
<b>Bats</b>	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											
<b>Birds</b>	Surveys for Winter Species, i.e. Wintering waders		Breeding bird surveys, and those for migrant species		Breeding bird surveys		Low activity, surveys not recommended		Surveys for migrant species		Surveys for Winter Species, i.e. Wintering waders	
<b>Domice</b>	Gnawed hazel nut search			Nest tube survey from April to November					Gnawed hazel nut search (best from September to December)			
<b>Great crested newts</b>	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		
<b>Otters</b>	There are no distinct seasonal constraints to otter survey, however they may be effected by vegetation cover and weather conditions											
<b>Reptiles</b>	Reptiles hibernating, no survey possible		Peak survey months are April and May				Reduced basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating, no survey possible	
<b>Water voles</b>	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
<b>White-clawed crayfish</b>	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	
Surveys recommended		Sub-optimal survey period			Surveys not possible							