

ECOLOGY SURVEY TIMETABLE

	Jan	Feb	Mar	April	May	June	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Habitats & Vegetation	Phase 1 Habitat surveys possible (sub-optimal for detailed botanical work)			Optimal for Phase 1 and botanical surveys (location and habitat dependent)				Phase 1 Habitat surveys possible (sub-optimal for detailed botanical work)					
Bats	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts			Main bat activity survey period (transect and static surveys) (core survey period for roost presence / absence surveys May – Aug)						Autumn swarming roost	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts		
Badger	Surveys possible all year (Feb-April and Oct/ Nov optimal)												
Dormouse	Nut searches possible where hazel occurs			Dormouse test tube / box surveys possible (multiple survey visits across this period required)								Nut search	
Otter	Surveys possible all year (although summer vegetation or poor weather can be limiting factors)												
Water Vole	Reduced activity – survey suboptimal			Survey in periods 1 & 2 ... <i>Period 1: Mid-Apr - Jun</i>			... surveys to be 2 months apart <i>Period 2: Jul - Sep</i>			Reduced activity – survey suboptimal			
Birds	Winter bird survey		Breeding bird survey					Migrant bird survey			Winter bird survey		
Reptiles	Hibernation – No Surveys			Reptile survey possible (may be limited by high summer temperatures)							Hibernation – No Surveys		
Great Crested newt	Hibernation – No Surveys		Pond surveys mid-March to mid-June (eDNA sampling mid-April to June)				Terrestrial habitat surveys possible (although constrained by hot / dry weather)				Hibernation – No Surveys		
White-Clawed Crayfish	No surveys – Reduced activity and females releasing young					Optimum survey period					No surveys – reduced activity		

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