

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				Phase 1 Habitat surveys possible (sub-optimal for detailed botanical work)					
Bats	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts			Bat activity surveys possible (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		Optimal period for survey work								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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