

# Ecological Survey Calendar



This Ecological Survey Calendar displays the best practice survey periods for a many protected species located within the UK. Many surveys can be affected by weather and temperature changes, therefore the below acts as a guide only. Should you require a protected species survey, have any queries regarding the below or require details of a survey not listed below, please contact Mike Bryant for further information.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
<b>Scoping Survey</b>	Survey possible all year round (may be dependent on vegetation cover)												
<b>Habitat &amp; Vegetation</b>	Phase 1 & NVC			Phase 1 & NVC						Phase 1 & NVC			
<b>Badger</b>	Presence/Absence Surveys					Presence/Absence Surveys			Presence/Absence Surveys				
		Bait Marking Surveys								Bait Marking Surveys			
							Licensable Period for Disturbance						
<b>Bat</b>	Bat Roost Potential Assessment (Tree assessments may be limited in summer due to vegetation)												
			Emergence/Re-entry Surveys		Emergence/Re-entry & Activity Surveys				Emergence/Re-entry Surveys				
	Hibernation Surveys											Hibernation Surveys	
<b>Great Crested Newt</b>			Presence/Absence Surveys (4 x aquatic survey, including 2 mid-Apr to mid-May)				Habitat & Larvae Survey		Terrestrial Habitat Survey Only				
				EDNA surveys									
<b>White-Clawed Crayfish</b>	Habitat Suitability Assessment Only						Presence Absence Surveys				Habitat Suitability Assessment Only		
<b>Otter</b>	Survey possible all year round (may be dependent on weather and vegetation cover)												
<b>Water Vole</b>	Burrow Survey Only	Habitat Assessment Only		One survey required - Apr to end Jun			One survey required - Jul to Sep			Habitat Assessment Only		Burrow Survey Only	
<b>Dormouse</b>				Nest tube surveys and Nut Searches								Nut Searches	
<b>Reptile</b>			Presence Absence Surveys										
<b>Breeding Bird</b>			4 x Visits evenly spread										
<b>Wintering Bird</b>	4 x visits - one per month											4 x visits - one per month	
<b>Migratory Bird</b>													
<b>Invertebrates</b>						Optimal survey period differs between species							



Optimal Survey



Sub-optimal Survey



Survey Not Recommended