



# Ecological Survey Calendar

OPTIMAL SURVEY TIME
SUB-OPTIMAL SURVEY TIME
SURVEY NOT RECOMMENDED

SURVEY TYPE	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>Phase 1 habitat</b>	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Badger</b> Settle surveys	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Badger</b> Bait-marking surveys	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Bats</b> Building survey	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Bats</b> Trees - initial ground	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Bats</b> Trees- climbing inspection	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Bats</b> Emergence/re-entry	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Bats</b> Activity (e.g. transects)	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Bats</b> Hibernation	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Birds</b> Breeding	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Birds</b> Winter	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Dormouse</b> Nut search	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Dormouse</b> Nest tubes	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended
<b>Great crested newt</b> Habitat (HSI)	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Great crested newt</b> Pond surveys	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Great crested newt</b> eDNA	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Great crested newt</b> Pitfall trapping	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Otter</b>	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Reptiles</b>	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
<b>Water vole</b> Habitat suitability	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal
<b>Water vole</b> Field sign & activity	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended
<b>White-clawed crayfish</b>	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Not Recommended	Not Recommended

*This calendar is intended for guidance only. Survey periods may vary according to location, ambient weather and species. Please seek advice before proceeding.*

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