

Ecology Survey Calendar



Optimal Sub-Optimal

No Survey

| | Jan | Feb | Mar | Apr | May | Jun | Jul | Aug | Sep | Oct | Nov | Dec | |
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| Preliminary Ecological Appraisals | Sub-Optimal | | Optimal | | | | | Sub-Optimal | | | | | |
| Botanical Surveys | Lower plants only (mosses & liverworts) | | | Detailed botanical surveys | | | | | | Lower plants only (mosses & liverworts) | | | |
| Breeding Birds | No Survey | | 4 x surveys spread throughout Mar to Jun | | | | No Survey | | | | | | |
| Wintering Birds | 4 x visits | | Sub-Optimal | No Survey | | | | | Sub-Optimal | Optimal | | | |
| Migratory Birds | No Survey | Sub-Optimal | Optimal | | | No Survey | | Optimal | | Sub-Optimal | No Survey | | |
| Badgers | Survey methods are possible throughout the year, vegetation can obscure | | | | | Evidence in the summer | | | Sett Surveys | | | | |
| | No Survey | | | | | Licensable Period for disturbance | | | | | | | |
| Bat Roost Assessment | Optimal | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Bats - Emergence and Activity | Hibernation surveys only | | | Sub-Optimal | | Activity & emergence surveys to be spaced throughout the season | | | Sub-Optimal | | Hibernation surveys only | | |
| Dormice | No Survey | | | Tube Surveys are carried out between Apr to Nov Nut Searches between Aug and Dec | | | | | | Nut search Only | | | |
| Invertebrates | No Survey | | Sub-Optimal | Optimal period varies between species, consult our team before scheduling | | | | | Sub-Optimal | No Survey | | | |
| Otters | Surveys are possible all year round, weather and vegetation cover can be limiting factors. | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Water Voles | Burrow survey only | Habitat suitability assessment | | Two surveys required: the first Apr to end Jun, the second Jul to Sep (to identify breeding territories and latrines) | | | | | Habitat suitability assessment | | Burrow survey only | | |
| Reptiles | No Survey | | Sub-Optimal | Optimal Survey Period Apr to Jun | | | Sub-Optimal | | No Survey | | | | |
| Great Crested Newts | No Survey | | 4 x Aquatic surveys (must include 2 surveys mid-Apr- mid May); eDNA survey season mid Mar to end Jun | | | Sub-Optimal | | | | | No Survey | | |
| White-Clawed Crayfish | Habitat suitability assessment only | | | Weather dependent | No survey - females release offspring | | Sub-Optimal | | | Habitat suitability assessment only | | | |
| Hedgehogs | No Survey | | | The optimal survey period is between April-October | | | | | | | | No Survey | |

This calendar is intended as a guide only but indicates the time periods when different surveys can be carried out. Please speak to one of our ecologists before scheduling any work.

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