

Timetable for Conducting Ecological Surveys

Survey type	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
Badgers	Sett survey												
		Bait marking			Limited bait marking								
Bats	Inspection of hibernation roosts			Limited activity	Roost emergence and activity surveys					Limited activity	Inspection of hibernation roosts		
Birds	Winter species		Breeding birds / Migrant species		Breeding birds		Low activity		Migrant birds		Winter birds		
Dormouse	Hazelnut search			Nest tube and box survey (Hazelnut search from Sept)						Hazelnut search			
Great Crested Newt Pond Survey	Newts hibernating		Presence / absence survey and population survey. Note that up to 3 visits required between mid-April and mid-May					Larvae recruitment survey			Newts hibernating		
Great Crested Newt Habitat Survey	Habitat Suitability Index Survey can be undertaken at any time, although some parameters should be measured in the spring.												
Habitats / Vegetation	Phase I			Phase I and NVC						Phase I			
Invertebrates – aquatic													
Invertebrates – terrestrial													
Otters	Survey can be conducted throughout year but may be limited by vegetation in summer months												
Plants – Lower													
Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating		Limited activity	Peak survey months are April, May and Sept		Low effectiveness of refugia survey			Peak survey	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating		
Water Voles	Low activity	Habitat survey	Habitat / Field signs / activity survey May be limited by vegetation and weather conditions								Habitat survey	Low activity	
White-clawed Crayfish	Reduced activity			Torch / hand Trapping	Breeding		Torch and trapping survey Substrate search by hand				Reduced activity		

KEY

Optimum survey period

Sub-optimum survey period

Survey not possible