

# Ecology Survey Timetable

	JAN	FEB	MAR	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEPT	OCT	NOV	DEC	
<b>HABITATS &amp; VEGETATION</b>	UKHabs habitat surveys and habitat condition assessments possible (sub-optimal for detailed botanical work)			Optimal for UKHabs botanical surveys and habitat condition assessments				UKHabs habitat surveys and habitat condition assessments possible (sub-optimal for detailed botanical work)					
<b>BATS</b>	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts			Night-time bat walkover surveys, static automated monitoring and roost emergence surveys						Autumn swarming roost surveys	Inspection of hibernation, tree and building roosts		
<b>BADGER</b>	Surveys possible all year (Feb-April and Oct / Nov optimal)												
<b>DORMOUSE</b>	Nut searches possible where hazel occurs			Dormouse nest tube / box surveys possible (multiple survey visits across this period required)							Nut searches		
<b>OTTER</b>	Surveys possible all year (summer vegetation or poor weather can be limiting factors)												
<b>WATER VOLE</b>	Reduced activity – survey sub-optimal			Optimal period for survey work (mid-April – September)					Reduced activity – survey sub-optimal				
<b>BIRDS</b>	Winter bird survey		Breeding bird survey				Migrant bird survey			Winter bird survey			
<b>REPTILES</b>	Hibernation – no surveys		Reptile survey possible (may be limited by high summer temperatures)							Hibernation – no surveys			
<b>GREAT CRESTED NEWT</b>	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				
<b>WHITE-CLAWED CRAYFISH</b>	No surveys – reduced activity and females releasing young					Optimum survey period				No surveys – reduced activity			