


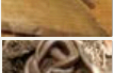

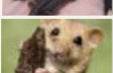
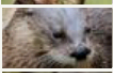







# Protected Species Survey Calendar

Many of our ecological surveys are seasonally constrained. Our calendar illustrates the optimum time in the year to survey a particular species.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
 <b>Badgers</b>	Bait marking and sett surveys			Limited bait marking and Sett surveys			Sett surveys					
 <b>Bats -Scoping surveys</b>	Surveys can be undertaken at any time of the year											
 <b>Bats - Emergence and Activity Surveys</b>	Bats in hibernation		Some activity surveys possible		Emergence and activity surveys can be conducted			Activity surveys and limited emergence surveys		Bats in hibernation		
 <b>Bats - Hibernation Surveys</b>	Hibernation roost surveys		Bats emerging	Bats using summer roosts						Hibernation roost surveys		
 <b>Reptiles</b>	Habitat suitability assessments		Limited activity	Peak reptile survey and translocation period			Reduced detection success in hot weather		Peak survey period	Limited activity	Habitat suitability assessments	
 <b>Great Crested Newts</b>	Hibernation period		Limited activity	Presence/absence surveys and e-DNA assessments			Terrestrial and pond larvae surveys possible			Hibernation period		
 <b>Dormice</b>	Hazelnut and nest searches			Nest tube and box surveys, habitat assessments and nut searches (from September)							Nut & nest searches	
 <b>Otters</b>	Surveys possible throughout the year											
 <b>Water Voles</b>	Very limited activity		Habitat Surveys	Habitat, field signs and activity surveys						Habitat Surveys	Very limited activity	
 <b>Birds</b>	Wintering bird surveys		Some breeding and migrant bird surveys			Breeding bird surveys		Some Breeding and migrant bird surveys			Wintering bird surveys	
 <b>White-clawed Crayfish</b>	Limited activity		Surveys begin	Torch surveys			Torch, hand and trapping surveys				Limited activity	
 <b>Phase 1 and NVC Assessments</b>	Sub-optimal due to plant dormancy			Preferred habitat survey period (spring only for woodland flora)						Sub-optimal due to plant dormancy		

 **Optimal Time**

 **Sub-Optimal Time**