

## Ecology Survey Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitat Surveys	May be suitable for urban sites			Optimal season for floral identification						May be suitable for urban sites		
Badger	Scoping survey	Sett monitoring and bait marking   Scoping survey			Limited sett monitoring and bait marking   Scoping survey				Sett monitoring and bait marking   Scoping survey		Scoping survey	
Bat Activity, Roost Emergence/Re-entry	Hibernating/very low activity			Limited activity	Optimal season for activity surveys and roost emergence/re-entry				Limited activity	Hibernating / very low activity		
Bat Roost Internal Inspection/Tree Endoscope	Internal inspections possible all year round   Tree endoscope surveys best in winter											
Birds	Wintering birds		Breeding birds / migrants		Breeding birds		Breeding birds (low activity)	Breeding birds / migrants		Wintering birds		
Dormouse	Gnawed hazelnut search			Nest tube survey (Gnawed hazel nut search best from September onwards)						Gnawed hazelnut search		
Great Crested Newt	Hibernating		Torching, bottle trapping, refugia search mid Mar-mid Jun   Egg search Apr-mid Jun   eDNA Apr - end of Jun				Habitat suitability survey   Larvae survey May-Aug			Hibernating		
Otter	Field signs search - no seasonal constraints but best in the Spring when water recedes											
Reptiles	Hibernating		High activity				Low refuge use in peak summer		High activity	Low activity	Hibernating	
Water Vole	Low activity	Habitat survey	Habitat survey and field signs   Activity survey							Habitat survey	Low activity	
Invertebrates	Habitat suitability survey			Optimal season for terrestrial and freshwater invertebrates						Habitat suitability survey		
Tree	BS5837 Tree Surveys can be carried out all year round											
Key	Optimal survey season				Sub-optimal/specific survey techniques only				Survey not possible			