

ECOLOGY SURVEY CALENDAR

This calendar is an overview of the optimal survey times for a variety of different protected species; many surveys are weather dependant and most species require repeat surveys.

Speak to one of our experienced ecologists
before programming any work.

Optimum Sub-optimum No Survey

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Ecological walkover												
Botanical surveys												
Birds – Nesting Bird Check			Nesting bird survey to facilitate vegetation clearance									
Birds – Wintering Bird Survey	Four surveys Nov – Feb										Four surveys Nov – Feb	
Birds – Breeding Bird Survey			Four surveys March – June									
Badger – Surveys						Dense vegetation limits survey						
Badger – Licence to close set												
Bats – Emergence/re-entry survey					At least one survey must take place between May and August							
Bats – Activity Survey				One survey per month								
Bats – Building Inspection												
Reptiles												
Water Vole				One survey April to June, one survey July to September (2 months apart minimum)								
Great Crested Newts				Four surveys, at least two between mid March and June								
White Clawed Crayfish					Torchlight surveys only							
Red Squirrels												