

EcoNorth's Survey Calendar

Ecological work is seasonal, very seasonal. There are time limits on a whole host of species specific surveys and this can lead to project setbacks or hold-ups until such work can be carried out.

The good news is it doesn't have to be like that. Contacting us early in the process prevents any shocks as we can plan any ecological work to be carried out all in good time.

To be extra clear on what you need we have jazzed up our survey calendar so you can see yourself what can be undertaken and when.

Save it, print it, memorise it (if you're really keen), stick it up on your wall or wherever handy so you have a good reference on when we can complete your work and therefore when to contact us.

Happy Planning.

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Phase 1 Habitats	Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)			Optimal					Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)				
Badgers	Sett & activity surveys. Optimal period Spring/Autumn												
	Artificial sett building but NO disturbance of existing setts						Sett interference for development purposes (under licence)				As Jan - Jun		
Birds	Wintering As Sep - Dec		Breeding & migrating			Breeding		Breeding & migrating			Wintering		
	Where breeding birds may occur no clearance						Work permitted (but must stop if breeding birds found)						
Bats	Hibernation roosts inspection			Limited	Summer roost and activities					Limited	Hibernation roosts inspection		
	Maternity roost works			Maternity roost works UP to mid-May. Hibernation roost works FROM mid-March.								Maternity roost works	
Invertebrates	Low activity			Butterfly, damselfly & dragonfly (timing vary with species)					Low activity				
	Species dependent												
Dingy Skipper	Optimal flight period												
Grayling	Optimal flight period												
Dormice	Nest searches			Limited	Cage traps & hair tubes					Nest searches			
	Limited nut searches											Nut searches	
							Limited					Clearance works	
Otters	Most effective late Autumn - early Spring												
	Mitigation year round BUT avoid disturbance of breeding otters												
Pine Martens	All year but optimal Spring/Summer. Breeding den surveys March to May.												
	Work permitted											Work permitted	
Water Voles	Initial survey		Activity & field sign surveys							Initial survey			
	Habitat works (scale & method dependant)											Habitat works (scale & method dependant)	
Reptiles			Sub-optimal	Optimal			Sub-optimal		Optimal	Sub-optimal			
	Scrub clearance		Capture, translocation & scrub clearance			Scrub clearance		Capture, translocation & scrub clearance		Scrub clearance			
Great Crested Newts	Pond/habitat management		Pond, terrestrial habitat & refuge surveys				Terrestrial habitat & refuge surveys				Pond/habitat management		
			Pond & land trapping				Land trapping only						
Natterjack Toads	Pond management		Breeding surveys									Pond management	
			Land trapping of adults. Pond trapping of adults April-July.										
Red Squirrel	Cone searches		Transect surveys			Cone searches & sub-optimal transect surveys			Transect surveys		Cone searches		
	Tree planting		No tree clearance permitted where active dreys present									Tree planting & relocation	
Freshwater Pearl Mussel	Only during times of low flow												
White-clawed Crayfish	Sub-optimal			Torch surveys			Optimal			Sub-optimal			
	Habitat works			No disturbance			Exclusion & capture			Habitat works			
Other Aquatic Invertebrates	Sub-optimal		Optimal				Sub-optimal			Optimal		Sub-optimal	
	Pond works		Timings dependent on species							Pond works			
Fish	For coastal, river & stream species survey timings dependent migration pattern of species concerned												
	Mitigation for protection of watercourses NOT seasonally dependent. Mitigation for specific fish species need to be timed to avoid their breeding season.												

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Survey Sub-Optimal Optimal Mitigation