

# EcoNorth's Survey Calendar

Ecological work is very seasonal. There are some 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 for yourself what can be undertaken and when.

Save it, print it, memorise it (if you're really keen), stick it on your wall or wherever's 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 / UK Hab	Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)			Optimal						Sub-optimal (mosses & lichens only)			
Badgers	Sett & activity surveys, optimal period summer/autumn												
	Artificial sett building but NO disturbance of existing setts						Sett interference for development purposes (under licence)					As Jan-Jun	
Birds	Wintering	Breeding & migrating				Breeding		Breeding & migrating			Wintering		
	As Sep-Dec	Where breeding birds may occur no clearance							Work permitted (but must stop if breeding birds found)				
Bats	Preliminary bat roost inspections												
	Hibernation roosts inspection			Activity surveys	Peak season activity surveys						Activity surveys	Hibernation roosts inspection	
				Transect activity surveys									
	Non-hibernation roost works	Maternity roost works up to mid-May or from Sept—hibernation roost works from Apr									Non-hibernation roost works		
Invertebrates	Low activity			Butterfly, damsel & dragonfly (timings vary with species)						Low activity			
	Species dependent												
Dingy Skipper					Optimal flight period								
Grayling							Optimal flight period						
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 Mar-May												
	Work permitted										Work permitted		
Water Voles		Initial survey	Activity & field sign surveys								Initial survey		
	Habitat works (scale & method dependent)									Habitat works (scale & method dependent)			
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				eDNA surveys									
			Pond, terrestrial habitat & refuge surveys			Terrestrial habitat & refuge surveys							
	Pond / habitat management		Pond & land trapping				Land trapping only			Pond / habitat management			
Natterjack Toads				Breeding surveys									
	Pond management			Land trapping of adult—pond trapping of adults Apr-Jul						Pond management			
Red Squirrels	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 on 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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Mitigation