

Ecology Survey / Mitigation Calendar

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	
Habitats / Vegetation	Phase 1 (sub-optimal time)			Phase 1 and NVC					Phase 1 (sub-optimal)				
	Planting and translocation			Sub-optimal for mitigation					Planting and translocation				
Badger	All survey methods				Limited bait marking and sett surveys				All survey methods				
	No mitigation other than sett building					Destruction of existing setts							As Jan
Bats	Roost potential and hibernation surveys		Limited activity		Summer roost, activity and maternity surveys				Limited activity		As Jan-Mar		
	Works on summer roosts only		Works on winter & summer roosts		Works on winter roosts only				Works on winter & summer roosts		Works on summer roosts only		
Birds	Wintering surveys		Breeding and migrant surveys		Breeding surveys			Reduced activity		Migrant surveys		Wintering surveys	
	Clearance		No clearance during bird nesting season						Clearance				
Dormice	Gnawed hazelnut search (sub-optimal time)			Nest tube survey from April to November					Gnawed hazelnut search (best from Sep to Dec)				
	No clearance works			Clearance, release & translocation		No clearance works			Clearance, release & translocation		No clearance works		
Great crested newts	Habitat surveys only		Pond surveys mid-Mar to mid-June (must include visits by mid-May)			Habitat and larvae surveys		Habitat surveys only					
	Works restricted		Trapping in ponds and on land			Trapping on land only				Restricted works			
Otters	Survey constrained by high water levels and dense vegetation rather than by seasons												
	No seasonal constraints but likely to be restricted when otters are breeding												
Reptiles	Habitat assessments only		Peak survey months are April, May and September. High temperatures can limit surveys in July/August.							Habitat assessments only			
	Above ground clearance only		Capture and translocation. High temperatures can limit capture in July/August.							Above ground clearance only			
Water voles	Habitat assessments only		Habitat and field signs / activity surveys							Habitat assessments only			
	Works restricted		Trapping and exclusion			Some mitigation possible—limited due to breeding activity						Works restricted	
White-clawed crayfish	Reduced activity			Survey possible	No surveys			Optimum time for surveys				Reduced activity	
	Avoid capture programmes			As Jul-Oct	Avoid capture programmes			Trapping translocation and exclusion				Avoid capture programmes	
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Surveys recommended	Surveys restricted
Mitigation possible	Mitigation restricted