

Species	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitats/ vegetation	Phase 1 & NVC (sub-optimal)			Phase 1 & NVC						Phase 1 & NVC (sub-optimal)		
Badgers	Limited sett/ bait surveys	Bait marking & sett surveys			Limited bait marking & sett surveys				Sett surveys		Limited sett/ bait surveys	
Bats	Inspection of hibernation roosts			Limited activity	Summer roost emergence surveys & activity surveys					Limited activity	Hibernation roosts	
	Potential roost and internal surveys are possible all year round. Trees are best surveyed in winter.											
Birds	Winter species		Breeding birds/migrant species		Breeding birds		Low activity		Migrant species		Winter species	
Dormice	Gnawed hazel nut search			Nest tube survey from April to November Gnawed hazel nut search – best from September to December								
Great crested newts	Newts hibernating		Pond survey for adults/terrestrial survey/egg surveys April to mid-June/larvae surveys from mid-May				Habitat & larvae survey		Habitat survey		Newts hibernating	
Otters	Limited by vegetation cover & weather conditions rather than seasons											
Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating		Peak survey months, April, May & June				Reduced basking time lowers effectiveness of refugia survey		Peak survey month	Limited activity	Reptiles hibernating	
Water voles	Low activity	Initial habitat survey	Habitat & field signs/activity surveys may be limited by vegetation cover & weather								Initial habitat survey	Low activity
White-clawed crayfish	Reduced activity			Searching torching trapping	Breeding torchlight survey only		Substrate search by hand torchlight & trapping surveys				Reduced activity	

Key: Surveys recommended Sub-optimal survey period Surveys not possible