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Ecological Survey Calendar

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	Jan	Feb	March	April	May	June	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Walkover & Phase 1 surveys	Suboptimal			Optimal survey period						Suboptimal		
BREEAM, CfSH, Ecohomes	Suboptimal			Optimal survey period						Suboptimal		
Badgers	Limited	Optimal			Suboptimal				Optimal sett surveys		Limited	
Bats	No activity surveys			Sub-optimal	Optimal period for bat activity surveys				Sub-optimal	No activity surveys		
	Building and trees inspections all year, but tree inspections best carried out in winter											
Birds	Wintering birds			Breeding birds			Limited activity		Migrant birds		Wintering birds	
	Barn owl surveys possible all year											
Dormice	No nest tube surveys		Nest tube surveys Apr to Nov, tubes best set up in March									
	Gnawed hazelnut searches possible all year but optimal time is Sept to Dec								Optimal time for gnawed hazelnut survey			
Great Crested Newts	No surveying		Optimal				Limited	Larvae only	Limited	No surveying		
Otter	All year providing weather conditions suitable											
Reptiles	No surveying		Sub-optimal	Optimal		Suboptimal			Optimal	Sub-optimal	No surveying	
Water Voles	Limited		Sub-optimal	Optimal survey period						Sub-optimal	Limited	

* It is always best to survey during the optimal periods. However, surveying at sub-optimal times of year or when surveying possibilities are limited may be sufficient on some sites. Contact us for further details.

