



# Ecological Survey Calendar

		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	
Preliminary Ecological Appraisals (PEA)*		Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	
Badgers	Surveys	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	
	Exclusions	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	
	Bait Marking	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
Bats	Preliminary Roost Assessments - Buildings	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	
	Preliminary Roost Assessments - Trees	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	
	Emergence/Entry Surveys	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
	Transect/Activity Surveys	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable
	Hibernation Surveys	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal
Birds	Breeding	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
	Over-wintering	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	
	Nesting	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
Great Crested Newts	Habitat Suitability Assessments	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	
	Pond Surveys	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
	eDNA Sampling	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
Hazel Dormice	Nest Tubes	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	
	Nut Searches and Habitat Assessment	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	
Otters		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	
Reptiles		Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Unsuitable	
Water Voles		Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	Sub-optimal	
White Clawed Crayfish		Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Sub-optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Optimal	Unsuitable	Unsuitable	

\*although PEA surveys can be carried out at any time of year there are optimum survey seasons for certain habitats, such as woodland in spring and grasslands in summer

