




# Ecology Survey Calendar

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>FLORA</b>												
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal	Can be done anytime, but best in summer											
Botanical/National Vegetation Classification Survey	Best in flowering months											
Tree survey												
<b>FAUNA</b>												
	Initial scoping survey. May lead to further surveys. Tree scoping surveys are best in winter when there are no leaves											
Bats	Inspection of hibernation roosts	Limited activity	Summer roost emergence, dawn, and activity surveys					Limited activity	Inspection of hibernation roosts			
Great Crested Newt (GCN)	Newts hibernating	Pond surveys for adults/eggs. Terrestrial habitat surveys			Habitat & larvae surveys		Habitat surveys only		Newts hibernating			
	Habitat Suitability Assessment can be done anytime (assessment of pond)											
Reptiles	Reptiles hibernating	Peak survey months				Surveys limited by hot weather		Peak survey month	Reptiles hibernating			
Badgers	As May-Aug	Bait marking and sett surveys			(sub optimal as vegetation can hide signs)		Sett surveys			As May - Aug		
Dormice	Dormice hibernating		Nest searches/nest tube checks								Dormice hibernating	
	Sub-optimal for nut search		No nut search						Less vegetation to obscure nuts			
Otters	Field signs can be surveyed at any time (maybe be limited by weather conditions & vegetation cover, eg avoid after recent rainfall)											
Water voles	Limited activity	Habitat assessment		Habitat & field signs/ activity surveys (weather dependent)					Habitat assessment		Limited activity	
Birds	Wintering bird surveys		Breeding bird surveys			Less activity, surveys sub-optimal			Wintering bird surveys			

	Optimal
	Sub Optimal
	Not Possible