

# Ecological Surveys - Timing Guidelines



Species	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
Habitats/ Vegetation/ Protected Flora	Initial Ecological Assessments			Initial Ecological Assessments and Species Surveys						Initial Ecological Assessments		
Bats	Preliminary Bat Roost Inspections			Optimum timing for Further (Emergence/Re-Entry) Surveys						Preliminary Bat Roost Inspections		
	<p>⚠ Preliminary Inspection can be undertaken at any time of year. Trees are best surveyed in winter.</p>											
Birds	Winter Birds		Breeding Birds and Migrants		Breeding Bird Surveys		Low Activity		Migrant Species		Winter Birds	
Reptiles	Reptiles Hibernating			Optimum timing for Reptile Surveys (Direct Observation/Artificial Refuge Survey)							Reptiles Hibernating	
Amphibians	Hibernating	Aquatic Searches for Amphibians				Terrestrial Searches for Amphibians					Toads/Newts Hibernating	
Small Mammals	Surveys likely to be hindered by weather		Optimum timing for Small Mammal Surveys using Longworth Traps (Weather Dependent)								Surveys likely to be hindered by weather	
Red Squirrels				Optimum timing for Red Squirrel Surveys								

Key:

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