

CALENDAR OF COMMON ECOLOGICAL MITIGATION ACTIONS (Version 1 - 26 Jan 2012)



Mitigation action	Month and typical timings (dark cells - optimum time to undertake work; light cells - limited opportunity to undertake work; clear cells - no work possible)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Habitats/vegetation												
Seed sowing and translocation												
Hedge and tree planting	Avoiding periods of hard frost						Avoiding periods of hard frost					
Badger (development licence required to disturb and destroy setts)												
Sett disturbance and destruction												
Construction of artificial setts												
Bats (development licence required)												
Works affecting maternity roost					To mid-May				From mid-Sep			
Works affecting summer roost	Works effecting small non-breeding bat roosts may be possible throughout the year but would need to follow a sensitive working approach under direct ecological supervision											
Works affecting hibernation roost												
Birds												
Vegetation clearance to avoid killing and/or injury to nesting birds			Subject to confirmation by an ecologist that breeding birds are absent									
Any activity likely to disturb Schedule 1 species during the breeding season												
Dormouse (development licence required)												
Single stage clearance - suitable for small habitat areas only									Late Sept - Early Oct only			
Two stage clearance - suitable for small and large habitat areas	First stage - Hand clearance of vegetation to above ground level				Second stage - Supervised habitat destruction				First stage - as Jan to Mar			
Translocation - erection of nest boxes/tubes												
Translocation - capture and release												
Great crested newt (development licence required)												
Trapping from pond		From mid-Feb to mid-Jun						Larvae only - special care required				
Trapping from terrestrial habitat												
Pond management												
Otter (development licence required)												
Habitat clearance	Licensed mitigation can potentially be completed in any month. However work must be timed to avoid disturbing and/or obstructing a structure or place used by otter for shelter or protection (i.e. during breeding and rearing periods)											
Reptiles (development licence required for sand lizard and smooth snake which are both rare in the UK)												
Clearance of small scale habitat areas to encourage reptile dispersal												
Capture and translocation												
Water vole (the capture and translocation of water voles may require a 'conservation' licence for the purpose of development)												
Displacement by habitat removal		From late-Feb to early-Apr										
Capture and translocation		From mid-March to mid-June										
White-clawed crayfish (development licence required)												
Capture and translocation												