

CALENDAR OF COMMON ECOLOGY SURVEYS (Version 1 - 26 Jan 2012)



Species/survey type	Survey month and typical timings (dark cells - optimum survey period; light cells - some survey possible; clear cells - no survey possible)											
	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
Initial site walkover	A site walkover survey to identify the potential ecological issues associated with a development site can be completed throughout the year and in many instances is sufficient to confirm that significant impacts on ecology are not likely to occur. However, this is dependent on many factors including the size of the site and the habitats present. Further surveys may need to be completed and would generally be undertaken in-line with the timetable outlined below. We would advise that specific advice on timing is sought as certain high value species (e.g. breeding raven and some lower plants) would need to be surveyed outside of these typical periods.											
Habitats/vegetation												
Phase 1 habitat survey												
NVC survey												
Hedgerow survey												
Badger												
Sett survey												
Bait-marking study												
Bats (survey licence required when bats are known to be present)												
Initial building inspection												
Initial tree inspection												
Bat activity survey												
Hibernation site survey												
Birds (survey licence required where survey could disturb Schedule 1 species e.g. Barn owl)												
Breeding bird survey												
Winter bird survey												
Dormouse (survey licence required)												
Survey using nest tubes/boxes												
Search for hazel nut feeding signs									From mid-Aug			
Great crested newt (survey licence required)												
Aquatic (pond) survey												
Terrestrial habitat survey												
Otter												
Walkover survey												
Reptiles (survey licence required for sand lizard and smooth snake only, which are both rare in the UK)												
Survey using artificial refugia												
Water vole												
Walkover survey/channel inspection				From mid-Apr								
White-clawed crayfish (survey licence required)												
Trapping												
Torch survey												