



The Ecology Consultancy

Protected Species Survey Calendar

JANUARY FEBRUARY MARCH APRIL MAY JUNE JULY AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

dormice



Dormice – surveys May to October.
Dormice are orangey brown with a white belly and a furry tail. They are nocturnal and live in woodland and hedges.

bats



Bats – roost surveys May to September
Bats are found in rural and urban areas and use different roosting places for resting, breeding and hibernating.

reptiles



Reptiles – surveys April to September
There are six species of reptile in the UK: common lizards, sand lizards, slow-worms, adders, grass snakes and smooth snakes.

great crested newts



Great crested newts – pond surveys March to June
All newts are amphibians and great-crested newts have bright orangey yellow bellies with black spots.

breeding birds



Breeding birds – surveys March to August
Birds, including rare species, may be found breeding on construction sites. Nesting sites should only be inspected by experienced ecologists and work should stop in the immediate area.

otters



Otters – surveys all year, when water-levels are low
Otters live along water-courses and occur in both rural and urban areas, including major cities.

water voles



Water voles – surveys March to October
Water voles have chestnut brown fur, a round face and a short furry tail. They are found in slow-flowing rivers, ditches, dykes and around lakes and ponds with steep banks and vegetation.

badgers



Badgers – surveys Autumn to Spring
Badgers are up to a metre long and live in groups in underground setts. They are nocturnal and leave well-worn paths, dungpits and scratching posts in their territories.

For full details of various species surveys and their requirements please consult Working with Wildlife 2nd Edition CIRIA/The Ecology Consultancy 2011

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